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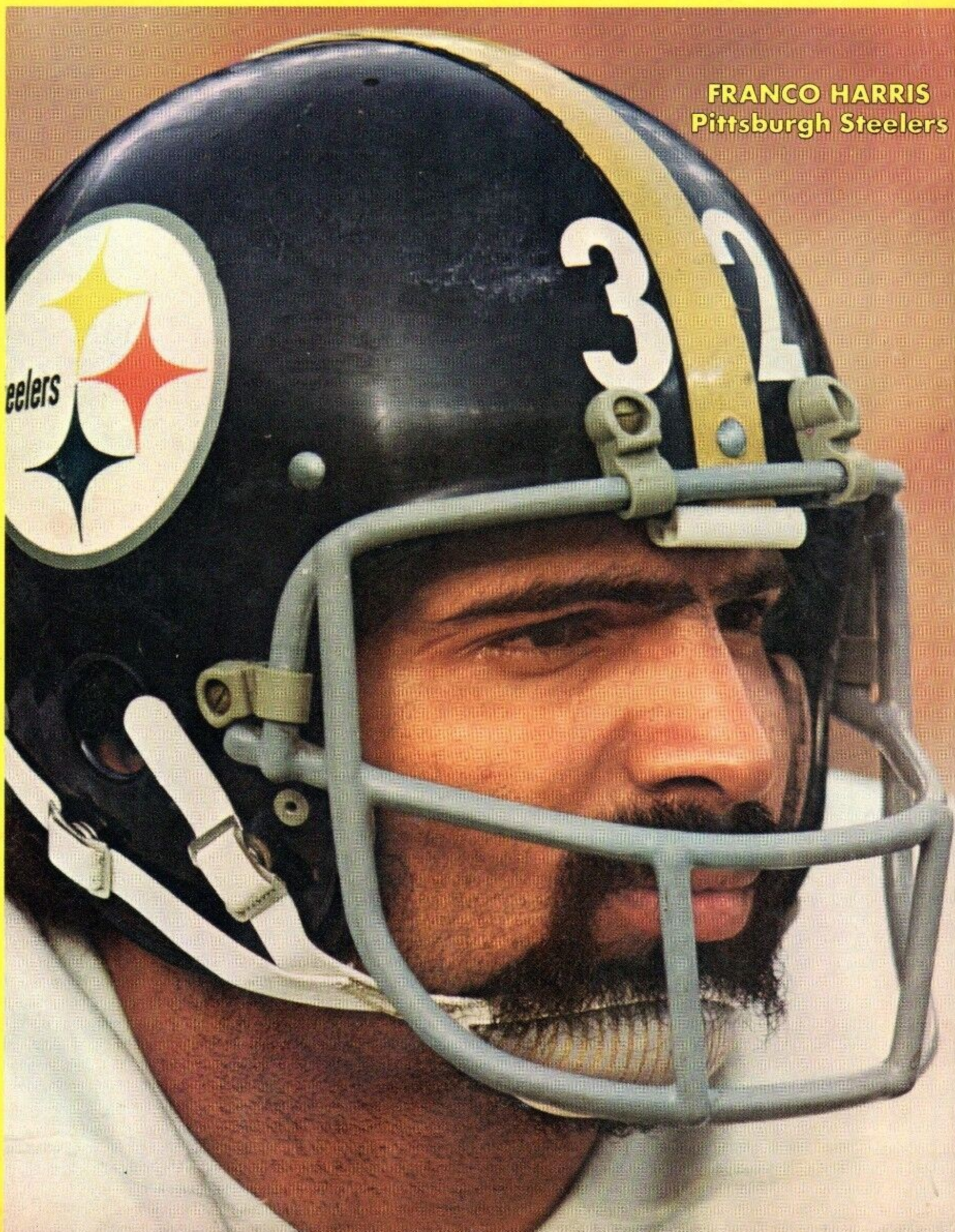
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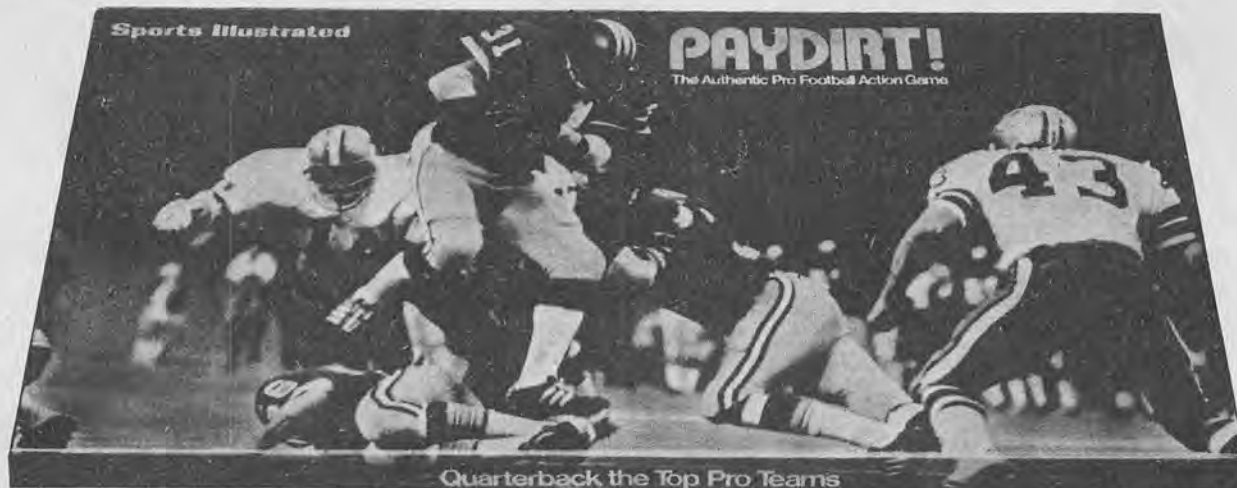
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At Oakland, Cal. Dec. 29, 1974

OAKLAND 3 0 7 3-13
 PITTSBURGH 0 3 0 21-24

SCORING**FIRST QUARTER**

Oakland—Blanda 40-yard field goal.

SECOND QUARTER

Pittsburgh—Gerela, 23-yard field goal.

THIRD QUARTER

Oakland—Branch, 38-yard TD pass from Stabler, Blanda kick.

FOURTH QUARTER

Pittsburgh—Harris, 8-yard run, Gerela kick; Swann, 6-yard pass from Bradshaw, Gerela kick.
 Oakland—Blanda, 24-yard field goal.
 Pittsburgh—Harris, 21-yard run, Gerela kick.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Pittsburgh Rushing—Harris, 29 for 111 yards; Bleier, 18 for 98 yards; Bradshaw, 3 for 15 yards.
 Oakland Rushing—Davis, 10 for 16 yards; Banaszak, 3 for 7 yards; Hubbard, 7 for 6 yards; Stabler, 1 for 0.
 Pittsburgh Passing—Bradshaw 8 of 17 for 95 yards (1 interception).
 Oakland Passing—Stabler, 19 of 36 for 271 yards, (3 interceptions).
 Pittsburgh Receiving—L. Brown, 2 for 37 yards; Bleier, 2 for 25 yards; Swann, 2 for 17 yards; Stallworth, 2 for 16.
 Oakland Receiving—Branch, 8 for 186 yards; Billitnikoff, 3 for 45 yards; Moore, 4 for 32 yards; Davis, 2 for 8 yards; Banaszak, 1 for 0.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Pittsburgh	Oakland
First downs	20	15
Rushes-Yardage	50-224	21-29
Passing yardage	81	249
Return yardage	91	37
Passes	8-17-1	19-36-3
Punts	4-41-0	5-43-4
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yardage	4-30	5-60

ATTENDANCE—53,515

OFFICIALS—Referee, Jim Tunney; Umpire, Pat Harder; Head Lineman, Ray Dodez; Line Judge, Art Holst; Back Judge, Stan Javie; Field Judge, Pat Mallette; ALTERNATES—Bob Frederic and David Hawk.

SUPER BOWL IX

At New Orleans, La. Jan. 12, 1975

PITTSBURGH 0 2 7 7-16
 MINNESOTA 0 0 0 6-6

SCORING**FIRST QUARTER**

No Scoring

SECOND QUARTER

Pittsburgh—Team Safety, Tarkenton flubbed hand-off to Osborn, ball skidded to end zone where Tarkenton grabbed it and was smothered by White.

THIRD QUARTER

Pittsburgh—Harris, 12-yard run, Gerela kick.

FOURTH QUARTER

Minnesota—T. Brown recovered blocked punt in end zone, Point kick failed.
 Pittsburgh—L. Brown, 4-yard pass from Bradshaw, Gerela kick.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Pittsburgh Rushing—Harris, 34 for 158 yards; Bleier, 17 for 65 yards; Bradshaw, 5 for 33 yards; Swann, 1 for minus 7.
 Minnesota Rushing—Foreman, 12 for 18 yards; Osborn, 8 minus 1 yard.
 Pittsburgh Passing—Bradshaw 9 of 14 for 96 yards.
 Minnesota Passing—Tarkenton, 11 of 27 for 102 yards, (3 interceptions).
 Pittsburgh Receiving—L. Brown, 3 for 29 yards; Stallworth, 3 for 24 yards; Bleier, 2 for 11 yards; Lewis, 1 for 12 yards.
 Minnesota Receiving—Foreman, 5 for 50 yards; Voigt, 2 for 31 yards; Osborn, 2 for 7 yards; Gilliam, 1 for 16 yards; Reed, 1 for minus 2.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Pittsburgh	Minnesota
First downs	17	9
Rushes-Yardage	57-249	20-17
Passing yardage	84	102
Return yardage	114	62
Passes	9-14-0	11-27-3
Punts	7-34.7	6-37.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-2
Penalties-Yardage	7-107	3-18

ATTENDANCE—80,997

OFFICIALS—Referee, Bernie Ulman; Umpire, Al Conway; Line Judge, Bruce Alford; Linesman, Ed Marlon; Back Judge, Ray Douglas; Field Judge, Dick Dolack.

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

At Bloomington, Minn., Dec. 29, 1974

LOS ANGELES 0 3 0 7-10
 MINNESOTA 0 7 0 7-14

SCORING**FIRST QUARTER**

No Scoring

SECOND QUARTER

Minnesota—Lash, 29-yard pass from Tarkenton, Cox kick.
 Los Angeles—Ray, 27-yard field goal.

THIRD QUARTER

No scoring.

FOURTH QUARTER

Minnesota—Osborn, 1-yard plunge, Cox kick.
 Los Angeles—Jackson, 44-yard pass from Harris, Ray kick.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Los Angeles Rushing—Bertelsen, 14 for 65 yards; McCutcheon, 12 for 32 yards; Harris, 3 for 17 yards; Cappelletti, 3 for 8 yards; Baker, 1 for minus 1.
 Minnesota Rushing—Foreman, 22 for 80 yards; Osborn, 20 for 76 yards; Tarkenton, 4 for 5 yards; Marinaro, 1 for 3.
 Los Angeles Passing—Harris 13 of 23 for 248 yards, (2 interceptions).
 Minnesota Passing—Tarkenton, 10 of 20 for 123 yards, (1 interception).
 Los Angeles Receiving—Jackson, 3 for 139 yards; Bertelsen, 5 for 53 yards; McCutcheon, 2 for 22 yards; Snow, 1 for 19 yards; Klein, 1 for 10 yards; Cappelletti, 1 for 5.
 Minnesota Receiving—Voigt, 4 for 43 yards; Lash, 2 for 40 yards; Gilliam, 2 for 33 yards; Marinaro, 1 for 6 yards; Osborn, 1 for 1.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Los Angeles	Minnesota
First downs	15	18
Rushes-Yardage	33-121	47-164
Passing yardage	219	105
Return yardage	76	120
Passes	13-23-2	10-20-1
Punts	5-43.8	6-39.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	5-3
Penalties-Yardage	7-70	2-20

ATTENDANCE—47,404

OFFICIALS—Referee, Tom Bell; Umpire, Paul Tretinski; Head Linesman Tom Veteri; Line Judge, Bob Beeks; Back Judge, Tom Kelleher; Field Judge, Charley Musser. ALTERNATES—Joe Gonzalez and Ralph Van denberg.

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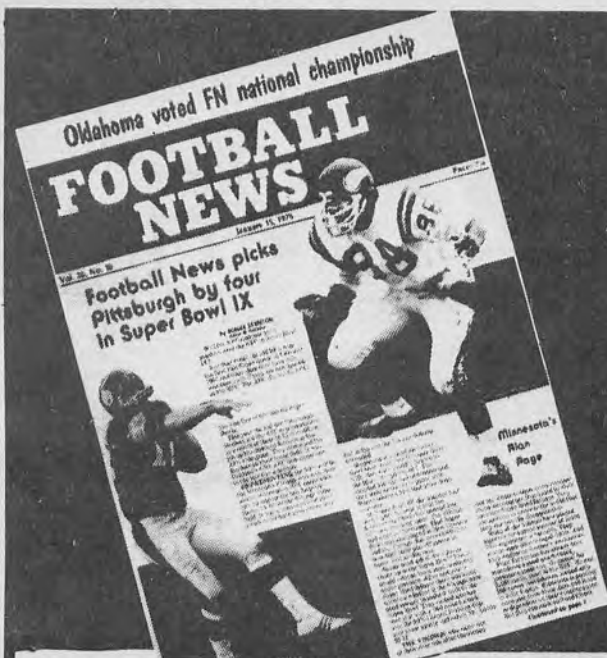
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Hemmeter was an original investor in the Hawaiians of Honolulu when Davidson started the WFL a year ago. He, like a lot of his colleagues took a financial dunking. Pondering his losses one day on the beach at Kaaanapali, Maui, Chris came up with a revitalization plan. The Hemmeter Plan.

The Hemmeter Plan is the document the WFL will use as a sail on the rough seas of its second season. The principal sailors will be Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield, John Gilliam, Calvin Hill, Ted Kwalick and Jim Kiick—NFL stars signed and committed to WFL teams this year.

Whether they'll all make it through

that second season could be one of the great adventure stories.

One of the sailors who won't be making the trip is Joe Namath, which will make the voyage all the rockier. Broadway Joe turned down a package deal reported to total \$4 million to play with the new franchise in Chicago. Namath's refusal just about kayoed any hopes the WFL had for a lucrative television contract. Even TVS, the independent network which televised WFL games last year, had not committed itself to the league at the 11th hour this year.

Television income for each of the WFL teams was \$75,000 last year, but most of it never reached the teams. It was used to pay off bills and some salaries of teams which went bust.

The WFL will line up with teams in Philadelphia, Memphis, Birmingham, Southern California, based in Anaheim, Calif., Portland Ore., Charlotte, Shreveport, San Antonio, Chicago, Hawaii and Jacksonville. San Antonio is the only one of the above cities which did not field a WFL team last year. Philadelphia and Memphis, however, are the only teams under the same ownership as in 1974.

Birmingham won the first WFL title last year, beating the Florida Blazers in the first "World Bowl." But that was the Birmingham "Americans," whose uniforms were repossessed after

the season ended and whose club president, Bill Putnam, found himself considered an outcast by the WFL hierarchy.

The Americans have been reissued under the label "Vulcans." Their quarterback, George Mira, was shipped to the new Jacksonville team during the off-season and last year's coach, Jack Gotta, became the general manager, handing the coach assignment to Marvin Bass, former head coach at South Carolina University.

That leaves Matthew Reed, the former Grambling star, to do the quarterbacking. His principal receiver is little Alfred Jenkins. Reed would be protected by a sound offensive line, featuring ex NFL starters like guard Joe O'Donnell, tackle Paul Costa, center John Matlock plus former Alabama All-America guard Buddy Brown and Nebraska tackle Bob Wolfe. The top runners are Charley Harraway and Paul Robinson.

But the most stable franchise is that of Memphis.

John Bassett, the Toronto communications tycoon, bankrolled the defection of Csonka, Kiick and Warfield to the Southmen, which already boasted a strong group of runners which includes ex Rutgers star J. J. Jennings, ex Canadian League flash John Harvey and Willie Spencer, a powerful young fullback from Massillon, Ohio, High



ART CANTRELLE, picking up yardage against California Sun above, returns to Birmingham after carrying 130 times for 519 yards, 6 TDs and catching 20 for 229 yards, 1 TD.



CHRIS HEMMETER, 36-yr.-old president of WFL, lettered in five sports in High School and majored in Hotel and Restaurant Business Administration at Cornell University.

WFC FINAL-1974

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Florida	14	6	0	.700
Charlotte	10	10	0	.500
Philadelphia	9	11	0	.421
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Memphis	17	3	0	.850
Birmingham	15	5	0	.750
Chicago	7	13	0	.368
Detroit	1	13	0	.071

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
So. Cal	13	7	0	.650
Hawaiians	9	11	0	.450
Portland	7	12	1	.375
Shreveport	7	12	1	.375

WFL Playoffs

NOVEMBER 22

Hawaii	7	10	8	7-32
So. California	0	11	3	0-14

NOVEMBER 22

Philadelphia	0	3	0	0-3
Florida	8	0	7	3-18

NOVEMBER 27

Hawaii	0	3	8	8-19
Birmingham	7	0	8	7-22

NOVEMBER 29

Florida	0	0	11	7-18
Memphis	15	0	0	0-15

WFL World Bowl

DECEMBER 5

Florida	0	0	0	21-21
Birmingham	0	15	7	0-22

School. He didn't attend college.

Danny White, a high draft choice who got away from Dallas last year, and John Huarte would do most of the throwing to Warfield. Roger Wallace, one of the WFL's better rookies last year, would line up opposite Warfield.

John McVey, formerly of Dayton University, coaches the Southmen and General Manager Leo Cahill, who has long experience in the Canadian League, lines up the talent.

The Hawaiians listed Hill the great Dallas runner as its principal asset when Hawaiian's quarterback Randy Johnson came back to the NFL with Washington.

To complicate matters, the contract of Norris Weese, the youngster who backed up Johnson, was breached and

he became free game for the NFL. Linebacker Gary Baccus was lost to the New York Jets.

Except for Hill, most of the Hawaiian strength is on defense with defensive backs Derrick Williams, Dave Atkinson, John Moseley and Robin Sinclair, defensive end Levi Stanley and ex NFL tackles Ron East and Ron Wojcik.

The franchise has one of the brighter tight end prospects in John Kelsey, plus wide receiver Tim Delaney and offensive tackle Frank Johnson.

Gilliam's contract had not been officially assigned but he, too, may end up a teammate of Hill's.

Up in the air is the status of some young stickouts of the WFL's first season. Tommy Reamon led the league in ground gaining for the Florida Blazers, but the Blazer franchise is now defunct. Reamon is a spectacular outside runner who balked at the salary terms Pittsburgh offered him when he finished at the University of Missouri.

Mark Kellar chose to sign with the Chicago Fire instead of the Minnesota Vikings and he led the WFL in scoring. But the Fire is also defunct and Kellar did not have a team on the eve of training camp openings.

Matt Herkenhoff, an offensive tackle was in a similar circumstance.

The Anaheim franchise, known as

the Southern California Sun, is a young team on the make. The Sun was the most successful of WFL teams raiding NFL draft lists last year, but there were defections in '75. Running backs Jim McAlister and Kermit Johnson and quarterback Tony Adams jumped to the NFL.

To counter that, the Sun signed Anthony Davis, the All-American running back from the University of Southern California and the New York Jets' top draftee.

The most important veteran signing for the WFL since the original signing of Csonka, Warfield and Hill, was Philadelphia's acquisition of Ted Kwaliak, one-time All-Pro tight end for the San Francisco 49ers.

To replace Adams at quarterback



CALVIN HILL who rushed 844 yds., 7 TDs for Dallas, joins Southmen.



PAUL WARFIELD got 27 for 536 yards 2 TDs for Miami in '74 reports to Southmen, also called Grizzlies.



LARRY CSONKA, ex-Miami power, joins Warfield and Hill at Memphis.

Coach Tom Fears probably will use Gary Valbuena, formerly of Tennessee. His chief targets are ex-Steeler Dave Williams and young Ike Harris. Booker Brown, the former USC tackle coveted by the NFL, decided to stay with the Sun.

The defense includes Dave Roller, one of the league's finest tackles, plus linebacker Jim Baker and tackle Charles DeJurnett.

There was much shuffling of coaches during the hectic off-season. Jack Pardee, the WFL's first coach of the year for his work with the Blazers, became head coach of the NFL Chicago Bears and took his entire staff with him. Jim Spavital left the Fire for a spot on Charley Winner's New York Jet staff. Dick Coury left the head job at Portland for a safe harbor on Tommy Prothro's staff in San Diego.

Greg Barton, backup quarterback at Portland last year, is the team's new head coach.

Bob Gibson replaced "Babe" Parilli in Charlotte. He'll have two ex NFL quarterbacks with whom to work—

Tom Sherman and Brian Dowling.

Marshall Taylor will coach Shreveport, Parilli heads Chicago, Perry Moss takes over the new San Antonio team and Charlie Tate will coach the Jacksonville Express, with George Mira as his quarterback.

Mike Giddings returns to Hawaii and Ron Waller to Philadelphia, where King Corcoran is his quarterback.

What Hemmeter is selling, then, is the "new" WFL, as opposed to the "Old" Wiffle, with its rubber checks, a mountain of unpaid bills and phony gate counts.

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TED KWALICK, 7-year veteran tight end with San Francisco, now snares passes for Philadelphia Bell.

By JERRY GREEN

There is this gnawing dream which captivates a major segment of the American population. What turns the people on . . . rages the passions of the great unwashed . . . rends the matrimonial sanctity of the nation's households with its magnetic lure to the hypnotic electronic Cyclops?

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a young black Detroit attorney named Louis Lee last year.

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So everybody wants to own a pro football club. Don't you? says Louis Lee, who became non-stockholder president of a team named the Detroit Wheels.

It is a license to mint money.

And so this capitalistic dream became real. The World Football League indeed was created.

It exists still . . . with a remodeled shape . . . with fresh money . . . with new dreamers dreaming the same dream.

Now there is Chris Hemmeter, who made bucks in industry in Hawaii. There is the Hemmeter Plan, a dream come true. There are escrow accounts and contingency funds and fixed costs and league assessments and guarantee payments and percentages and profit sharing. And there is Larry Csonka and Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick to give the WFL dream some flesh and identity—and hope.

The WFL survives . . . for the nonce

. . . overcoming dishonor, deceit, duplicity, fraud, lies, pie in the sky, wishful thinking, fool's gold, bankruptcy, unpaid salaries, the IRS, the courts, franchise gerrymandering, politicking, inflation, recession, dope scandals.

"There's so much subterfuge and chicanery," said Danny Boisture one evening after football under the stars last August. "You can feel it in the air."

Danny Boisture is a decent man. He is a business man now. He sells the screwdrivers and pliers and such devices to the automotive industry. Once he was a football coach by profession. He marched up through the ranks. He was an assistant at Michigan State, ambitious to become a head coach. He became head coach at Eastern Michigan, aspiring to move up to a more important level with stronger recognition.

So Boisture became the first head coach in the history of the Detroit Wheels. A head coach in pro football, the sporting opiate of the American masses.

His dream lasted 14 games, 13 of them losses. His team folded up in bankruptcy and incompetence before it could complete the schedule of its first season.

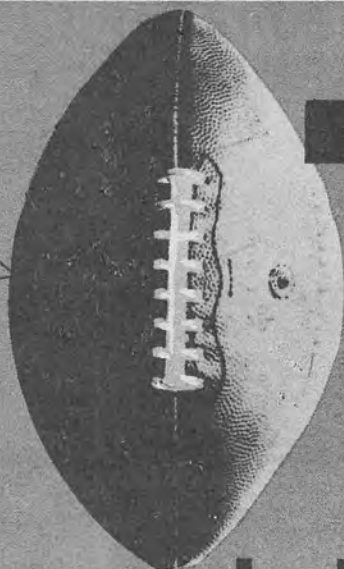
So Boisture learned the difference between a screwdriver and a pair of pliers and became a 9-to-5 working stiff. More than two decades he had spent coaching young men to block and tackle and catch thrown footballs . . . two decades of X's and O's.

The Detroit Wheels . . . they could not even suffer the anguish of dreaming their nightmare to a conclusion. They played their home games in the provinces. Not in Detroit, but 37 miles distance in the community of Ypsilanti,

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ANTHONY DAVIS, U Southern Cal All-America back in '74 signed with the WFL's Southern California Sun.



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	W	L	T	Pct.
Pittsburgh	10	3	1	.750
Cincinnati	7	7	0	.500
Houston	7	7	0	.500
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Miami	11	3	0	.786
*Buffalo	9	5	0	.643
New England	7	7	0	.500
New York Jets	7	7	0	.500
Baltimore	2	12	0	.143

*Wild Card For Playoffs

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.
Oakland	12	2	0	.857
Denver	7	6	1	.536
Kansas City	5	9	0	.357
San Diego	5	9	0	.357

Playoffs

Pittsburgh	3	26	0	3-32
Buffalo	7	0	7	0-14
Oakland	0	7	7	14-28
Miami	7	3	6	10-26

NFL



By Larry Felser

Pro grid scribe Larry Felser of Buffalo Evening News is expert analyst of pro scene

PITTSBURGH, OAKLAND OK MIAMI FAVORED OVER ANY NFC TEAM FOR SUPER BOWL X

PREDICTIONS

Central Division

1. Pittsburgh
2. Cincinnati
3. Houston
4. Cleveland

Eastern Division

1. Miami
2. Buffalo
3. New England
4. New York Jets
5. Baltimore

Western Division

1. Oakland
2. San Diego
3. Denver
4. Kansas City

When the Miami Dolphins met the Oakland Raiders in the first round of the National Football League playoffs last December, the game was referred to as "the REAL Super Bowl."

It wasn't, of course. Neither the Dolphins nor the Raiders won the World championship. The Pittsburgh Steelers did.

All three teams have one thing in common. They are all members of the American Conference.

The AFC remains the dominant conference in the NFL, stronger, more exciting, more daring, more glamorous and more successful than the older National Conference. The Steelers were the sixth AFC team to win the Super Bowl in the last seven contests, dating back to that most stunning of developments when the New York Jets won in 1969 while representing the American Football League, forerunner of the AFC. Only Dallas' 1972 victory over the baby Dolphins broke the string.

When the 1976 Super Bowl game is played, the AFC delegate should be the Raiders, Steelers or Dolphins and they'll be favored over the NFC team, no matter its identity.

The AFC still has the two big-name names in pro football, Buffalo's O.J. Simpson and the New York Jets' Joe Namath. It also has most of the top quarterbacks—Namath, Bob Griese of Miami,

Ken Stabler of Oakland, Ken Anderson of Cincinnati, Jim Plunkett of New England, Terry Bradshaw of Pittsburgh and Dan Pastorini of Houston.

And if you are like most football coaches, who still insist that the name of the game is defense, there are the Steelers, who have the best linebacking in the game and one of the strongest front fours in NFL history.

The Steelers won that franchise's first World championship in four decades. There were a lot of reasons—the late development of Bradshaw, the running of Franco Harris, the coaching of Chuck Noll and his staff. But none of the reasons were as brutally compelling as L.C. Greenwood, Joe Greene, Dwight White and Ernie Holmes, the four mobile strong men who comprise the front four.

Harris won the 'most valuable player award for his line smashing in the Super Bowl, but it was Greenwood who contained Minnesota quarterback Fran Tarkenton and caused the Viking offense to be funneled into colleagues like Greene, Holmes and Jack Lambert in the middle of the Pittsburgh defense.

With defense like that, combined with Harris' running and a passing game with new, unlimited potential due to the maturing of Bradshaw, the Steelers rank as the favorite to repeat as AFC champion in 1975.

Oakland, the winningest team in the NFL in the last decade, is in the strongest position to keep the champs from winning two in a row. The Raiders score more than anyone in the league, thanks to the big-hit passing game of Ken Stabler to Fred Biletnikoff and Cliff Branch, and are overdue to win the Biggie. They may need quick development by two rookie defensive backs, Neil Colzie of Ohio State and Charles Phillips of Southern California, to make it, however.

JOHN MADDEN, who has led Oakland to three straight AFC West titles, watches intently from sidelines with running back PETE BANASZEK.



American Conference

The problem in Miami is the defection of Larry Csonka, Paul Warfield and Jim Kiick to the World Football League's Memphis Southmen. The entire Dolphin offense is altered by the loss of Csonka, the game's finest ball-control fullback, and Warfield, the clutch receiver.

There won't be that dazzling balance which has carried the Dolphins to so many victories. The burden of moving the ball falls on Griese more than ever.

The AFC is full of teams on the make.

Buffalo, a basket case just three seasons before, qualified for its first NFL playoff. Denver is in the Bills' category. Cincinnati, although rocked by the loss of Bill Bergey and Mike Reid, two of the NFL's best defensive players, in consecutive seasons, is still a respected young team.

The potent New England Patriots were battling Buffalo for the AFC wild card spot until injuries wiped out some of their best offensive players. The New York Jets reversed their disastrous start and finished with six consecutive victories. Houston reversed its previous two seasons, during which they won only a total of two games, by finishing 7-7.

The Have Nots moved to gain status with the Haves through a variety of changes.

Kansas City, Cleveland and Baltimore have new coaches. So does Houston, despite its turnaround season. Paul Wiggin, defensive co-ordinator of the San Francisco 49ers, replaces Hank Stram as the Kansas City coach. Wiggin inherits an old team which should have been rebuilding two or three years ago. The reason Stram is gone, after 15 seasons, is that they weren't rebuilt.

The Browns suffered through their worse season ever, so Forrest Gregg, the old Green Bay tackle, replaced Nick Skorich as head coach. Gregg's problems in-

clude a punchless offense and a defense without an outside pass rush.

Head coaches have been devoured like crab cakes in Baltimore since Joe Thomas became general manager. The newest is Ted Marchibroda, George Allen's offensive coordinator in Washington. Marchibroda inherits a young defense and an offense about halfway rebuilt.

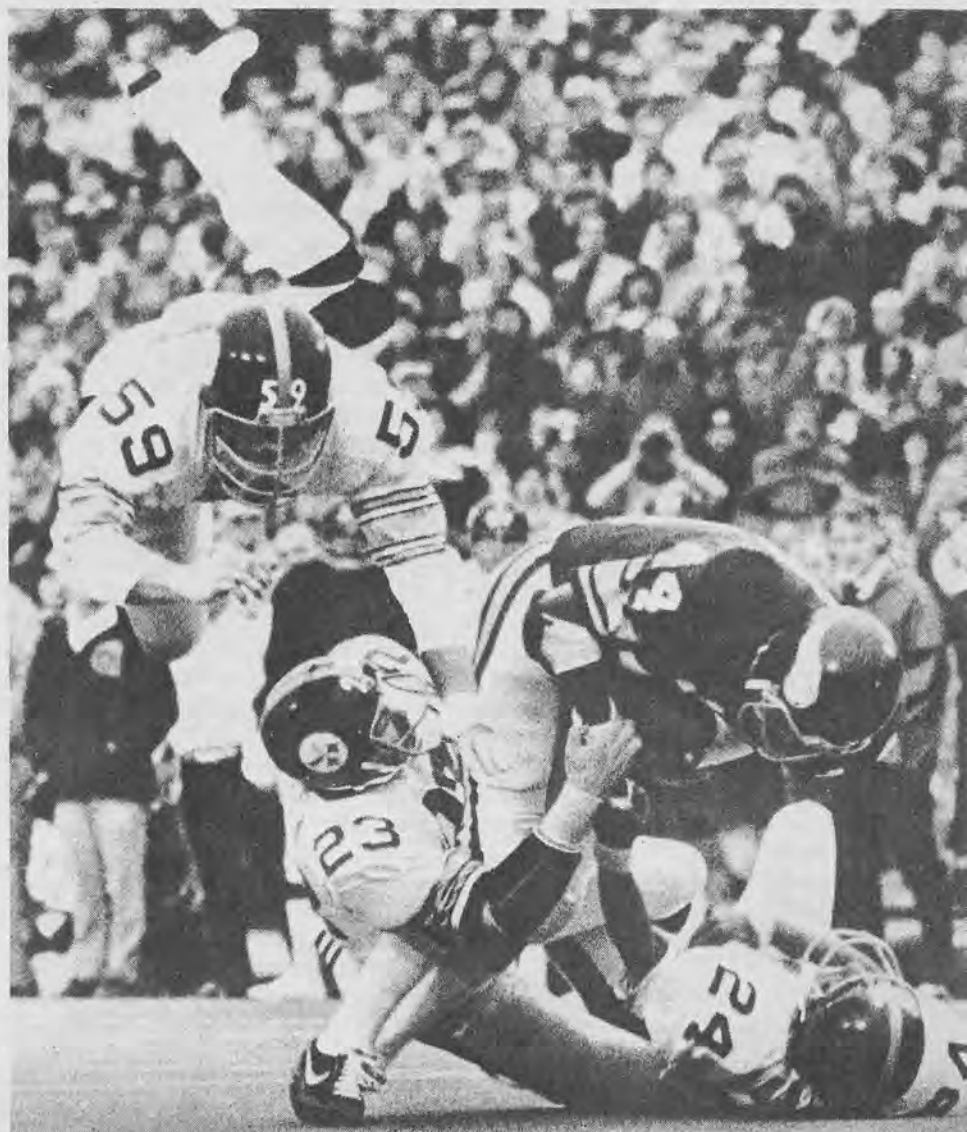
The coaching change in Houston came about, not because Sid Gillman couldn't win football games, but because Sid Gillman's methods couldn't win their way

into the heart of owner Bud Adams. Bum Phillips, the new head coach, has been told to win while also staying within Bud's budget.

There were also a couple of general manager changes. Al Ward, long the top aide to Tex Schramm in Dallas, succeeds Weeb Ewbank with the Jets. Phillips got Gillman's general manager duties in addition to the coaching job.

It was not a big year for trading. One of the few significant ones sent Marlin Briscoe, the discontent wide receiver, from

SUPER BOWL first half action saw JACK HAM (59), MIKE WAGNER (23) and J.T. THOMS (24) of Pittsburgh bring down Minnesota's CHUCK FOREMAN.



Miami to St. Louis in exchange for veteran running back Donnie Anderson. Anderson will fill the Jim Kiick role in Don Shula's offense.

The NFL owners continued to re-fashion their playing rules to try to open up the offense in the pro game.

The owners passed seven more rules changes at their annual winter meeting, only four of which bear much importance. None of the four ranks with the sweeping changes of 1974.

The four most important changes for 1975:

When a fourth-down pass from within the opponent's 20-yard line falls incomplete in the end zone, the ball now will return to the line of scrimmage—whether it be the 1, 2 or 19-yard line. In the past an incomplete pass in the end zone from within the 20 resulted in the ball being brought out to the 20.

From now on only 11 players will be allowed in the huddle. Last year the Minnesota Vikings, Oakland Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs lined up as many as 14 players in their defensive huddle, sending the extras off the field at the last second when the offensive formation was shown. Unsportsmanlike conduct will be called on any team allowing more than 11 players in a huddle. Penalty: 15 yards.

Two penalties were changed. An illegal receiver downfield and offensive pass interference are reduced from 15 to 10 yards.

In another penalty alteration, when there is defensive holding downfield and the quarterback is thrown for a loss, the penalty will be marked off from the line of scrimmage. Formerly it had been assessed from the point where the passer hit the ground.

In a league full of offensive stars, the emphasis shifted to defense in the college draft. Of 11 first-round draft choices headed for the AFC this year, nine are defensive players.

PITTSBURGH, Michigan defensive back Dave Brown—CLEVELAND, Houston defensive end Mack Mitchell—CINCINNATI, Florida linebacker Glenn Cameron—HOUSTON, Jackson State linebacker Robert

Brazile—SAN DIEGO, Grambling defensive end Gary Johnson and LSU corner back Mike Williams—OAKLAND—Colzie—DENVER, San Jose State corner Louie Wright—BUFFALO, Nebraska linebacker Tom Ruud.

The AFC also pioneered in radical defenses last year, with both New England and Houston using the 3-4 defense—three down linemen and four linebackers—as their basic formation. Not coincidentally, the two teams enjoyed their best seasons in years.

The Patriots and Oilers meet in the opening game of the season in a confrontation of the fresh setup.

There are all sorts of interesting questions about AFC teams this season. Here are some of them:

Can Don Nottingham give a decent impersonation of Csonka as Miami's power back?

Can Bob Griese throw 20 to 25 passes a game for the Dolphins and still be successful?

Will Terry Bradshaw continue to be the quarterback he was at the end of the 1974 season when the 1975 season starts?

Can Oakland stop the run as it didn't in 1974?

Will this be O.J.'s last year as a football player and, if it is, will he make a pass at 2000 yards?

Will Buffalo's linebackers be as vulnerable as they were in the playoffs?

Are the True Jets the ones who lost six of seven games in the first half of last season or the guys who won their last six?

Has the New York defense been rebuilt as much as Coach Charley Winner thinks it has?

Will Jim Plunkett be a more patient quarterback in '75, enabling him to resist unnecessary gambles?

Can the Baltimore Colts' rebuilt offensive line save quarterback Bert Jones from a trauma?

Will rookie Mack Mitchell make the difference in Cleveland's pass rush?

Does the retirement of Mike Reid mean the Bengals are unable to challenge Pittsburgh?

Can Ken Anderson continue his phenomenal passing to compensate for Cincinnati's crimped

running game?

Can Bum Phillips continue stirring the Gillman formula at Houston?

Will Denver make some hay while there is still life in Charley Johnson's passing arm?

Does Paul Wiggin, Kansas City's new coach, have enough nerve to scrap his old quarterbacks and play David Jaynes?

Will Woody Green's indictment on a felony charge put the Chiefs' attack in the slammer?

The big prizes should go this way:

AFC champion—Oakland

Wild-card winner—Buffalo

Super Bowl winner—Oakland

Some of the major awards will go this way:

Most valuable player—Griese

Rushing champion—Simpson

Passing champion—

Ken Anderson

Receiving champion—

Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh

Scoring champion—

John Leypoldt, Buffalo

Rookie of the year—

Fred Solomon, Miami

Coach of the year—

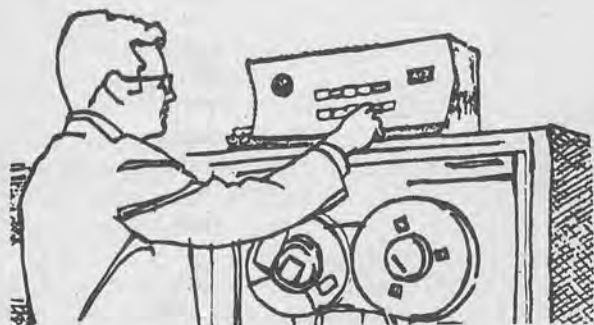
John Madden, Oakland

The All-AFC team should look something like this:

OFFENSE: Wide receivers—Isaac Curtis, Cincinnati, and Gary Garrison, San Diego; Tight end—Riley Odoms, Denver; Tackles—Jon Kolb, Pittsburgh, and Art Shell, Oakland; Guards—Bob Kuechenberg, Miami and Joe DeLamielleure, Buffalo; Center—Jim Langer, Miami; Quarterback—Griese; Running backs—Simpson and Franco Harris, Pittsburgh; Place kicker—Don Cockroft, Cleveland.

DEFENSE: Ends—L.C. Greenwood, Pittsburgh, and Vern den Herder, Miami; Tackles—Joe Greene, Pittsburgh and Carl Barzilauskas, New York Jets; Middle linebacker—Willie Lanier, Kansas City; Outside linebackers—Jack Ham, Pittsburgh and Andy Russell, Pittsburgh; Corner backs—Robert James, Buffalo and Clarence Scott, Cleveland; Free safety—Tony Greene, Buffalo; Strong safety—Burgess Owens, New York Jets; Punter—Ray Guy, Oakland.

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS

PREDICTION 1st

Art Rooney's Irish ancestors never willed him a coat of arms and even if they did, the Chief would hide it in his attic. But if Rooney's Steelers had a coat of arms, it probably would be a gaggle of decapitated running backs spread over a field of splattered quarterbacks.

Pittsburgh is the World champion professional football team today for a lot of reasons, but the principal one is defense. No team in the NFL has a stronger, more belligerent, more disciplined defensive unit.

Not only do the Steelers have the premier defense but it is a young unit which should stay fairly intact for years. Except for Andy Russell, the venerable, 33-year-old outside linebacker, the oldest man on the defensive unit is 28.

Don't get the impression the Steelers do it on defense alone. Last year, with the late arrival of Terry Bradshaw as a quality quarterback, Pittsburgh offered as balanced a team as there is in the league. They can run, at least when Franco Harris is healthy, and they can throw. They'll also beat you with their special teams.

When discussing the Pittsburgh defense, the first item on the agenda has to be the front four. It ranks with any defensive line in the history of the game. The Steelers led the NFL in sacks, with 50. All but 10 were recorded by the front four.

When the Steelers met Oakland's strong offense in the American Conference title game, the longest gain the Raiders were allowed on the ground was four yards. In the Super Bowl, Chuck Foreman and the other Minnesota runners totaled a paltry 19 yards rushing.

The Steelers allowed the few-



ART ROONEY, Pittsburgh's popular owner, waited long time for title.

est yards rushing and the least points in the AFC. They were first in the NFL in total yards allowed, yards passing, passing percentage, fumble recoveries, total takeaways and sacks.

For six seasons, his entire career with the Steelers, tackle Joe Greene has been all pro. By the admission of his teammates, he is the heart of their defense. When opposing offensive co-ordinators plot a game plan against the Steelers, their first priority is to avoid Mean Joe. Greene's tackle partner, Ernie Holmes, is one of the most underrated players in the NFL. Immensely strong, he virtually threw his opponent off the line of scrimmage in the Super Bowl. He led the team in sacks.

L.C. Greenwood was the most dominant player in the Super Bowl. It was his quickness which hemmed in Fran Tarkenton, funneling the Minnesota attack back to the center of the field and into the teeth of Greene, Holmes and the other Steelers. His 6-6 height is used as an effective harassing weapon against passers. Greenwood's partner, Dwight White, is the man who got out of a hospi-

CHUCK NOLL, Coach.

Assistants: Lionel Taylor, Bud Carson, Dan Radakovich, Lou Riecke, Dick Hoak, George Perles, Paul Uram, Woody Widenhofer.

tal bed to knock around the Vikings. He is a power end, very aggressive.

The best reserve is Steve Furness, who can play either end or tackle. Grambling star Bob Barber, a second-round draftee, signed with Shreveport of WFL. Others available are tackle Charles Davis and end Jim Wolf.

The Steelers' linebacking unit consists of the soundest outside backing in football plus the best defensive rookie in the NFL last year. Jack Ham reigns as the outside backer in the game. "Quick as a corner back and has no visible weaknesses," says Don Shula, the Miami coach. For the second time in his four pro seasons, Ham led NFL linebackers in interceptions with five. His partner, Russell, had a Pro Bowl season.

Jack Lambert, lean at 6-5 and 218 pounds but "the meanest cat on this team" according to authority Joe Greene, was the rookie sensation in the middle. He

TERRY BRADSHAW finally matured as a leader during 1974 season.



may be pushed this year by the return of ex starter Henry Davis, who missed the '74 season due to neck and back injuries. When Lambert came out of the Super Bowl in the second half, Ed Bradley came in and there was no loss of efficiency.

Russell was hurt in the second half of the Super Bowl and Loren Toews played well in his spot. Toews, a three-year pro, is Andy's heir apparent. Also on the roster is Marv Kellums, who made a key fumble recovery on the second half kickoff in the Super Bowl.

The only prospective battle of note on the defensive unit may take place at corner back, where incumbent Mel Blount will have to fight off the Steelers' No. 1 draft choice, Dave Brown of Michigan. A lot of pro scouts considered Brown no worse than the second-best defensive back in college last year. The other corner belongs to J.T. Thomas, a first-round draftee two years ago. Reserve Jimmy Allen played a vital role against Oakland in the AFC title game.

Free safety Glen Edwards was voted the Steelers' most valuable player last year. Strong safety Mike Wagner is strong on coverage and tackling. Behind them are Dick Conn and Donnie Shell. Brown, a safety at Michigan, also figures here.

The two main factors in the Pittsburgh offense are Bradshaw and Harris.

Bradshaw stopped being a helter-skelter quarterback last year. His work in the stretch and the playoffs was superb. He has learned to control a running game. His arm was never questioned.

Terry can't afford to revert to his old ways. Behind him are Joe Gilliam, one of the most promising passers in the league, and Terry Hanratty, another veteran. Gilliam actually was the Pittsburgh starter for the first six games. All he needs to learn is patience.

Under Gilliam, the Steelers were 4-1-1. Coach Chuck Noll wasn't completely thrilled with the way he used his running game, however. Hanratty made one start and won it. Neither man



FRANCO HARRIS, Pittsburgh's bulldozing running back who gained 1,008 yards last year, sidesteps Cincinnati Bengals linebacker DOUG ADAMS.



JACK HAM (59) and JACK LAMBERT (58), Pittsburgh linebackers, look to circle Colts' BILL OLDS (38) and nail ballcarrier DON McCAULEY (23).

JOE GREENE (75), Steelers' massive defensive tackle, prepares to run with recovered fumble as teammate ERNIE HOLMES (63) moves in to help.





ROY GERELA, Steelers placekicker, led AFC in scoring with 93 points.

wants to sit and watch again, which is a problem for Noll.

The entire Pittsburgh running game is geared around Harris. The running back position has to contain an efficient blocker, which is how Rocky Bleier cracked the lineup. Despite being nicked early in the season, Franco rammed, squirmed and changed directions for 1008 yards. In the playoffs and Super Bowl he was unstoppable.

Bleier, who conquered Vietnam war wounds to win a starting job last year, contributed outstanding blocking and was an effective runner, especially on counter plays where the defense was bunched up to stop Harris.

Behind Bleier are two former starters—Preston Pearson and Frenchy Fuqua—both of whom would like their jobs back. Steve Davis still has potential as a big back and Reggie Harrison also is on the roster.

Few NFL teams are as well stocked at wide receiver as the champs. The starters of record last season were Frank Lewis and Ron Shanklin, but playing as much if not more than the starters were the rookie sensations, Lynn Swann and John Stallworth. Lewis led the team with 30 catches and four touchdowns during the regular season, but Swann was the big target in the playoffs. Shanklin had his customary fat per-catch average, 17.1. Stallworth may have more physical skills than any of them.

The one unsettled position in the Steeler lineup is still tight end, although Larry Brown played well enough in the Super Bowl and playoffs to make him the front runner. John McMakin, the '73 starter, was hampered by injuries last year. Randy Grossman played a lot as a rookie, but his lack of size hinders him. Drafted on the third round was Maryland's Walter White, who is built more along the lines of a wide receiver.

Gerry Mullins played as well as any of the Steelers in the Super Bowl, which underlines another strength. Mullins wasn't even a stabilized guard until late in the season. He had been used frequently at tackle. Sam Davis and Jim Clack are also excellent guards, Clack having shifted from center last year.

The center is Ray Mansfield, a 13-season veteran, who is backed by speedy Mike Webster. Jon Kolb is one of the strongest tackles in the NFL. The other tackle had been a worry until young Gordon Gravelle claimed squatter's rights. To back them

up Noll drafted Nebraska's big Marvin Crenshaw. He also has Rick Druschel and Dave Reavis.

Place kicker Roy Gerela led the conference in scoring and 20-for-29 record in field goals. Punter Bobby Walden makes half his kicks unreturnable.

Swann goes into this season with a record of returning 31 punts without a fair catch. He averaged 14.1 a return.

STEELERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
45	Allen, Jimmy	CB	6-2	194	23	2	UCLA
20	Bleier, Rocky	RB	5-11	210	29	7	Notre Dame
47	Blount, Mel	CB	6-3	205	27	6	Southern
38	Bradley, Ed	LB	6-2	239	25	4	Wake Forest
12	Bradshaw, T.	QB	6-3	218	26	6	La. Tech
87	Brown, Larry	TE	6-4	229	26	5	Kansas
50	Clark, Jim	G-C	6-3	250	27	5	Wake Forest
22	Conn, Dick	S	6-0	185	24	2	Georgia
77	Davis, Charlie	DT	6-1	265	23	2	TCU
53	Davis, Henry	LB	6-3	235	32	7	Grambling
57	Davis, Sam	G	6-1	255	31	9	Allen
35	Davis, Steve	RB	6-1	218	25	4	Del. State
73	Druschel, Rick	OT-G	6-2	248	23	2	N.C. State
27	Edwards, Glen	S	6-0	185	28	5	Fla. A&M
33	Fuqua, John	RB	5-11	195	28	7	Morgan St.
64	Furness, S.	DT-DE	6-5	255	24	4	Rhode Island
86	Garrett, Regie	WR	6-1	172	23	2	East Mich.
10	Gerela, Roy	K	5-10	185	27	7	N. Mex. St.
17	Gilliam, Joe	QB	6-2	187	24	4	Tenn. St.
71	Gravelle, Gordon	OT	6-5	250	26	4	Brig. Young
75	Greene, Joe	DT	6-4	275	28	7	N. Tex. St.
68	Greenwood, L.C.	DE	6-6	245	28	7	Ark. A&M
34	Grossman, Randy	TE	6-1	215	21	2	Temple
59	Ham, Jack	LB	6-1	225	26	5	Penn St.
5	Hanratty, Terry	QB	6-1	210	27	7	Notre Dame
32	Harris, Franco	RB	6-2	230	25	4	Penn St.
46	Harrison, Regie	RB	5-11	215	25	2	Cincinnati
63	Holmes, Ernie	DT	6-3	260	27	4	Tex. So'ern
54	Kellum, Marv	LB	6-2	225	23	2	Wichita St.
55	Kolb, Jon	OT	6-3	262	28	7	Okl. State
58	Lambert, Jack	LB	6-4	215	23	2	Kent St.
43	Lewis, Frank	WR	6-1	196	28	5	Grambling
56	Mansfield, Ray	C	6-3	260	34	13	Washington
89	McMakin, John	TE	6-3	232	24	4	Clemson
72	Mullins, Gerry	G-OT	6-3	244	26	5	So. Calif.
26	Pearson, P.	RB	6-1	205	30	9	Illinois
74	Reavis, Dave	OT	6-5	250	25	2	Arkansas
34	Russell, Andy	LB	6-2	225	33	11	Missouri
25	Shanklin, Ron	WR	6-1	190	27	6	N. Tex. St.
31	Shell, Donnie	S	5-11	190	23	2	S.C. State
82	Stallworth, J.	WR	6-2	183	23	2	Ala. A&M
88	Swann, Lynn	WR	5-10	178	23	2	So. Calif.
24	Thomas, J.T.	CB	6-2	196	24	3	Florida St.
51	Toews, Loran	LB	6-3	212	23	3	California
23	Wagner, Mike	S	6-1	210	26	5	West Ill.
39	Walden, Bobby	P	6-0	190	37	12	Georgia
52	Webster, Mike	C-G	6-1	232	23	2	Wisconsin
78	White, Dwight	DE	6-4	255	26	5	E. Tex. St.
62	Wolf, Jim	DE	6-2	230	23	2	Pr. View

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Gerela, 93 points on 33 XP, 20 field goals			1st
RUSHING —Harris, 208 carries for 1006 yds., 4.8 Avg., 5 TDs			4th
PASSING —Gilliam, 96 of 212 attempts for 1274 yds., 4 TDs			12th
RECEIVING —Lewis, 30 receptions for 365 yds., 4 TDs			23rd
INTERCEPTIONS —Edwards, 5 for 153 yds., 30.6 Avg., 1 TD			8th
PUNTING —Walden, 78 punts, 39.0 Avg., longest 65 yds.			9th
PUNT RETURNS —Swann, 41 for 577 yds., 14.1 Avg., 1 TD			3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS —Davis, 12 for 269 yds., 22.4 Avg.			21st

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	1	All Stars at Chicago
	9	PHILADELPHIA (N)
	16	AT Oakland (N)
	22	AT Baltimore (N)
	30	Giants at Princeton, N.J.
Sept.	6	NEW ORLEANS (N)
	11	AT Dallas (N)

1975 SCHEDULE		1974 Scores
Sept.	21 AT San Diego	—
	28 BUFFALO	—
Oct.	5 AT Cleveland	26-16
	12 DENVER	35-35
	19 CHICAGO	—
	26 At Green Bay	—
Nov.	2 AT Cincinnati	10-17
	9 HOUSTON	10-13
	16 KANSAS CITY	34-24
	24 AT Houston (N)	13-7
	30 AT N.Y. Jets	—
Dec.	7 CLEVELAND	20-16
	13 CINCINNATI	27-3
	20 AT Los Angeles	—

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Banaszak, John	LB	6-3½	232	25	East. Mich.
Bankston, Greg	DE	5-10½	175	21	East. Mich.
Barber, Bob	DE	6-3½	240	23	Grambling
Bassler, Miller	TE	6-4	220	23	Houston
Berry, Bruce	RB	6-0	186	22	Macalester
Brown, Dave	DB	6-1	190	22	Michigan
Clark, Eugene	G	6-2	255	23	UCLA
Collier, Mike	RB	5-11	224	21	Morgan St.
Cooks, Tyrone	RB	6-1	208	23	Tenn. St.
Crenshaw, M.	OT	6-6	240	23	Nebraska
Daly, Mike	LB	6-3	236	26	Miami (Fla.)
Derry, Bill	QB	5-10	185	22	Wm. & Mary
Evans, Harold	LB	6-3	220	23	Houston
Gaddis, Bob	WR	5-11	178	23	Miss. Valley
Gray, Archie	WR	6-1	187	22	Wyoming
Gray, Ken	FB-LB	6-2	225	22	So. Calif.
Griffin, Larry	DB	5-10	175	22	La. Tech.
Hegener, Stan	G	6-4	225	23	Nebraska
Heyer, Kirk	DT	6-5	252	21	Kearney St.
Humbarger, Rex	DT	6-7	252	23	N. Tex. St.
Humphrey, Al	DE	6-3	235	22	Tulsa
Jerome, Jimmy	WR	6-1	200	22	No. Carolina
Kropp, Tom	LB	6-2½	220	22	Kearney St.
Little, Harold	DB	6-3½	209	21	Albany St.
Little, Randy	TE	6-4	225	22	W. Liberty
Mattlingly, W.	OT	6-4	255	23	Colorado
Murphy, Greg	DE	6-2	229	22	Penn St.
Pettus, James	G	6-5	240	23	Tenn. St.
Pettus, Larry	OT	6-5½	245	24	Tenn. St.
Reimer, Bruce	RB	6-0	210	23	N. Dak. St.
Sexton, Bruce	DB	6-0	183	22	Elon
Slaughter, Ed	WR	6-0	170	21	SE Mo.
Smith, Marty	DT	6-2	248	21	Louisville
Steger, Geoffrey	DB	6-1	195	23	Michigan
Thatcher, Jim	WR	6-3	191	23	Langston
White, Walter	TE	6-3	208	24	Maryland
Wymore, W.	OT	6-6	250	22	Western St.

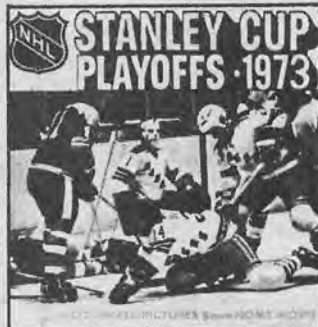
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CINCINNATI BENGALS

PAUL BROWN, Coach.

Assistants: Jack Donaldson, Bill Johnson, Chuck Studley, Bill Walsh, Howard Brinker, Chuck Weber.

PREDICTION 2nd

Contrast the way the Cincinnati Bengals finished the 1973 season and the way they ended last year:

In '73 they were eliminated in the playoffs by the Miami Dolphins, but eliminated with honor. They are champions of the American Conference's Central Division. With just a little fantasizing they might convince themselves they were a pretty fair bet to go all the way when the NFL resumed play.

Last year they finished in a funk, disgraced by themselves and the Pittsburgh Steelers in a meaningless game in which the objective of their coach, Paul Brown, seemed to be to keep the defeat within reason. They were rent by dissension. They bickered and battled with fists and bayed their frustrations in print. They lost their final three games and seemed lucky to finish .500.

What confronts Brown this season is, perhaps, the biggest challenge in his incredible coaching career. The Bengals still have the nucleus of their '73 playoff team. His job is more a spiritual task—putting the jagged pieces together.

The football year for him ended with the Cincinnati newspapers denouncing him on their editorial pages for not making a total effort in the last game against the Steelers.

Brown's response is that his team was a battered one, which is true; that he was minus the Bengals' key player, quarterback Ken Anderson and that by playing ultra-conservatively he inferred that victory by accident was a possibility whereas, by playing it wide open, the Steelers would have won it in a rout.

The final score was 27-3 in Pittsburgh's favor. The Bengals were humiliated and embarrassed by winning without Cincinnati putting up a serious fight and they said so publicly. That



KEN ANDERSON, Cincinnati's unerring quarterback, gets set to connect with his favorite passing target, lightning-quick ISAAC CURTIS (85).

hurt the Bengals even more than the score.

Materially, Cincinnati still has the making of a fine team. When you talk of the Bengals these days you must begin by discussing Anderson, the excellent quarterback from little Augustana. "You give him enough time," says Brown, "and he'll do surgery on you."

One day the Steelers gave him enough time and he carved them up with 20 completions in 22 attempts. He completed 65 percent of his 328 passes for the season, connecting for 18 touchdowns and 2667 yards.

His completion percentage was the best in the NFL, so was his efficiency rating and yardage. He threw for 51 more yards than Joe Namath.

The reason Cincinnati threw so much is that its running backs were dropping like wounded running backs. Essex Johnson went down with a knee injury. Boobie Clark broke his arm. Doug Dressler had a variety of hurts. In their

absence, Brown found such good young ones as Charles Davis (5.2-yard per carry average), Lenvil Elliott (5.1) and big Ed Williams (4.1).

But Anderson threw so well and the receivers, mainly Isaac Curtis, caught so well that the Bengals, henceforth, will be known as a passing team.

Chip Myers, the veteran possession catcher, led the Bengals in receiving with 32 receptions but it was Curtis who instilled the fear in opposing defenses. He caught 30, but every third one scored a touchdown. Besides his 10 scoring receptions he boasts a spectacular 21.1 per-catch average. He ranks with Oakland's Cliff Branch as the most-feared receiver in the NFL.

The Bengals can wear down a secondary with depth. Veteran Charlie Joiner caught 24 for a 16.3 average. Brown is polishing the skills of John McDaniel, a youngster with exciting speed. The top rookies are Pat McNally, Harvard's first All-America in

a quarter century; Virginia Union's Lofell Williams and Kansas State's John Tuttle.

Bob Trumpy has been the tight end since the team went into business in 1968. He's a dangerous receiver. Backing him up is veteran Bruce Coslet. To keep them company, Brown drafted Jack Novak of Wisconsin. Punter Jeff West of the University of Cincinnati also was his school's starting tight end.

In the catastrophic event that Anderson got hurt, the Bengals drafted two quarterbacks to challenge Wayne Clark, the man who played the position in that final game against the Steelers. The newcomers are Gary Sheide, who threw for 2174 yards and 23 touchdowns as a Brigham Young senior, and Tom Shuman, who threw a school record 28 touchdowns during his career at Penn State. More important, the Nitany Lions won 22 of 24 games under his direction.

It didn't help last year that there were two grievous injuries to the offensive line. Vern Holland, whom the Bengals insist is all-pro quality, was marked absent from his tackle spot after breaking a leg. Cincinnati lost four of five games when center Bob Johnson broke his ankle. He's

the team captain and an 8-year starter.

Both, apparently, are fully healed, which should give Cincinnati one of the league's most potent lines. Howard Fest, who had to move over into Johnson's spot, is a regular guard. Pat Matson and John Shinnars are Brown's messenger pair.

There is depth and versatility all over. Besides center and guard, Fest has started at tackle. Dave Lapham, who may push Shinnars or Matson, can also play tackle. Al Krevis of Boston College, one of the top rookies, will be auditioned at guard, he played tackle in college.

Rufus Mayes and Stan Walters will battle for the tackle job opposite Holland. Lapham and Krevis also may get into it. Guard Greg Dubinetz of Yale, the best lineman in the Ivy league, is another guard candidate.

Defensively the Bengals are still paying for Brown's impetuous decision to trade Bill Bergey. Bergey was, possibly, the best young middle linebacker in football in his last season in Cincinnati. He took a big-money offer to sign a 1976 contract with the WFL. Brown blew his cork, sued him and then traded him to Philadelphia for a bundle of draft choices.

Jim LeClair, skilled but inexperienced, was supposed to step into Bergey's job but he suffered an early foot injury which made him next to useless. Ken Avery, and Doug Adams, since traded to Kansas City, and Tim Kearney took turns starting there with mediocre results.

So Brown made Florida's Glenn Cameron his top draftee this season. Cameron's first assignment will be to battle with LeClair for the middle. Even if Glenn loses, he should find work. The outside backers are both veterans—Ron Pritchard and Al Beauchamp. With Avery gone, the top backup is Evan Jolitz, a mere second-year man. Besides Cameron, the Bengals drafted three other linebackers—Louisiana State's Bo Harris, Penn State's Chris Devlin and Montana's Ron Rosenberg.

Mike Reid, one of the NFL's best tackles, stunned Bengal followers by his decision to retire at age 26. Ron Carpenter is a solid man, especially against the run, but Bill Kollar, a first-round draft pick in '74, must give a close impersonation of Reid.

The picture at end is a mite cloudy. Sherman White sometimes isn't sure he wants to play in Cincinnati. In fact there are

TOMMY CASANOVA (left) and AL BEAUCHAMP, Bengals' defenders, gaze with awe at ball that appears suspended in mid-air.



CHARLIE JOINER, swift Cincinnati receiver, gathers in one of 24 passes he caught during 1974 campaign.



times when he doesn't look as if he wants to play football. But his differences with the club apparently were settled during the winter. Royce Berry, long a big-play end, lost his job to Ken Johnson and complained loudly about it. He, too, cooled off during the winter. Any one of them could lose his job to Gary Burley, a tough kid from Pitt.

The Bengals are experienced and solid at corner with Lemar Parrish and Ken Riley, who have been paired for five seasons. Tom Casanova, when healthy, should be rated with the best free safeties.

When Neal Craig was traded to Buffalo, Lyle Blackwood was the heir apparent at strong safety, but then ex corner Bernard

Jackson, a man with tremendous speed, took over and played reasonably well. Blackwood will push him this time. So may Bob Jones and Ken Sawyer.

The Bengals drafted five defensive backs.

The best of the bunch may be Arkansas' Rollen Smith, who would fill the backup corner role vacated when Jackson moved to strong safety. The others were two all-Southeastern conference players, Ricky Davis of Alabama and Rocky Felker of Mississippi State, another Yalie, Elvin Charity, and Marvin Cobb, the Southern California star who also has a shot at professional baseball.

The kicking game, long a Bengal strength, changed suddenly when kicker Horst Muhlman was traded to Philadelphia for high 1976 draft choice. Dave Green will be the Bengals' field goal and extra point kicker.

West was the leading punter in college football and McNally was a noted place kicker as well as punter. Greg Enright of Southern Oregon is another kicker who will challenge for Muhlman's spot.

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING—Muhlman, 65 points on 32 XP, 11 field goals 13th
RUSHING—Davis, 72 carries for 375 yds., 5.2 Avg. 22nd
PASSING—Anderson, 213 of 328 attempts for 2667 yds., 18 TDs 1st
RECEIVING—Myers, 32 receptions for 383 yds., 1 TD 19th
INTERCEPTIONS—Riley, 5 for 33 yds., 6.6 Avg. 11th
PUNTING—Green, 66 punts, 40.9 Avg., longest 53 yds. 3rd
PUNT RETURNS—Parrish, 18 for 338 yds., 18.8 Avg., 2 TDs 1st
KICKOFF RETURNS—Jackson, 29 for 682 yds., 23.5 Avg. 11th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 2 Washington at Canton, O
 9 AT Miami (N)
 15 AT Buffalo (N)
 23 GREENBAY (N)
 28 AT Philadelphia (N)
 Sept. 6 AT Detroit
 13 NEW ORLEANS (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 CLEVELAND	33-7
28 AT New Orleans	—
Oct. 5 AT Houston	3-20
12 NEW ENGLAND	—
19 OAKLAND	27-30
26 AT Atlanta	—
Nov. 2 PITTSBURGH	17-10
9 AT Denver	—
17 BUFFALO (N)	—
23 AT Cleveland	34-24
30 HOUSTON	21-34
Dec. 7 AT Philadelphia	—
13 AT Pittsburgh	3-27
21 SAN DIEGO	17-20



BOB TRUMPY has been Bengals' No. 1 tight end for last seven years.

BENGALS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
14	Anderson, Ken	QB	6-2	211	26	5	Augustana
51	Avery, Ken	LB	6-1	227	31	9	So. Miss.
58	Beauchamp, Al	LB	6-2	232	31	8	Southern
82	Berry, Royce	DE	6-3	250	29	7	Houston
29	Blackwood, Lyle	S	6-0	191	24	3	TCU
70	Carpenter, Ron	DE	6-4	261	27	6	N. C. State
37	Casanova, Tom	S	6-2	195	25	4	La. State
42	Clark, Charles	RB	6-2	245	24	3	B-Cookman
11	Clark, Wayne	QB	6-3	203	28	5	U.S. Int'l.
88	Coslet, Bruce	TE	6-3	227	28	7	U. Pacific
85	Curtis, Isaac	WR	6-1	193	24	3	S. Diego St.
26	Davis, Charles	RB	5-11	200	23	2	Colorado
44	Dressler, Doug	RB	6-2	228	27	6	Chico St.
36	Elliott, Lenvil	RB	6-0	205	24	3	N'east Mo.
72	Fest, Howard	T	6-6	256	29	8	Texas
41	Green, Dave	P	5-11	208	25	3	Ohio U.
76	Holland, Vernon	T	6-6	268	27	5	Tenn. St.
23	Jackson, B.	CB-S	6-0	178	25	4	Wash. St.
54	Johnson, Bob	C	6-5	262	28	8	Tennessee
19	Johnson, Essex	RB	5-9	201	28	8	Grambling
80	Johnson, Ken	DE	6-6	256	28	5	Indiana
18	Joiner, Charlie	WR	5-11	188	27	7	Grambling
57	Jolitz, Evan	LB	6-2	225	23	2	Cincinnati
32	Jones, Bob	S	6-1	194	24	3	Va. Union
56	Kearney, Tim	LB	6-2	229	25	4	No. Mich.
68	Kollar, Bill	DT	6-3	255	22	2	Montana St.
62	Lapham, Dave	T	6-3	255	23	2	Syracuse
55	LeClair, Jim	LB	6-2	235	25	4	No. Dakota
77	Maddox, Bob	DE	6-5	232	24	2	Frostburg
73	Matson, Pat	G	6-1	245	31	10	Oregon
71	Mayes, Rufus	T	6-5	258	26	7	Ohio St.
25	Myers, Chip	WR	6-6	205	30	8	NW Okla.
86	McDaniel, John	WR	6-1	193	23	2	Lincoln
20	Parrish, Lemar	CB	5-11	185	27	6	Lincoln
60	Pritchard, Ron	LB	6-1	230	28	7	Ariz. St.
13	Riley, Ken	CB	5-11	182	27	7	Fia. A&M
22	Sawyer, Ken	S	6-0	192	23	2	Syracuse
64	Shinners, John	G	6-3	255	28	7	Xavier
84	Trumpy, Bob	TE	6-6	228	29	8	Utah
75	Walters, Stan	T	6-6	262	26	4	Syracuse
83	White, Sherman	DE	6-5	255	26	4	California
43	Williams, Ed	RB	6-2	245	24	2	Langston
59	Hicks, Richard	C	6-4	245	24	1	Humboldt

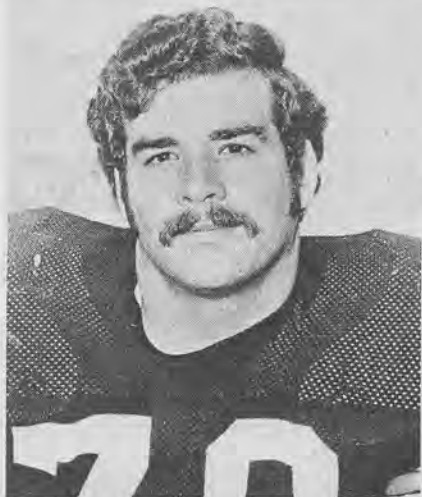
ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Cameron, Glenn	LB	6-2	229	21	Florida
Krevis, Al	T-G	6-5	265	22	Boston Col.
Burley, Gary	DE	6-3	255	22	Pittsburgh
Sheide, Gary	QB	6-2	195	22	Brix, Young
Harris, Bo	LB	6-3	230	22	LSU
Fritts, Stan	RB	6-1	210	22	N. C. State
McNally, Pat	WR	6-6	210	21	Harvard
West, Jeff	P-TE	6-3	205	22	Cincinnati
Shuman, Tom	QB	6-1	190	21	Penn. St.
Smith, Rollen	CB	6-1	180	23	Arkansas
Devlin, Chris	LB	6-2	218	21	Penn. St.
Davis, Ricky	S	6-1	179	21	Alabama
Dubinetz, Greg	G	6-4	250	21	Yale
Williams, Lofell	WR	6-2½	206	22	Va. Union
Felker, Rocky	DB	5-11	195	21	Miss. St.
Cobb, Marvin	CB	5-11	184	21	So'ern Cal.
Novak, Jack	TE	6-3½	242	21	Wisconsin
Rosenberg, Ron	LB	6-2	237	21	Montana
Haywood, Frank	DT	6-5	241	22	N. C. State
Enright, Greg	PK	6-0	188	21	So. Oregon
Tuttle, John	WR	6-1	185	22	Kansas St.
Charity, Elvin	DB	6-0	185	21	Yale



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HOUSTON OILERS

O. A. PHILLIPS, Coach.

Assistants: Larry Peccatielo, Joe Madro, Ed Biles, Sam Boghosian, Andy Bourgeois, King Hill, George Rice, Richie Petibon, Fran Polsfoot.

PREDICTION 3rd

Guerrilla warfare in the front office and the guillotine routing for head coaches is as traditional in Houston as the opening kickoff.

So no one is amazed that Sid Gillman, who led the Oilers to an astounding 7-7 season after they had nearly scraped bottom with back-to-back 1-13 records, is no longer an employee of the Oiler organization.

Sid and owner Bud Adams agreed to disagree, with Gillman's twin roles as owner and general manager being turned over to O. A. (Bum) Phillips, who spent almost his entire career as an assistant coach.

Phillips thinks his principal asset is a new attitude on the club, a change from the unrelieved depression of 1972-73. "I am inheriting a group of players who believe in themselves," says the new coach.

The Oilers themselves may be so pleased with winning again that they won't notice the coaching change. After all, they played under four head men in the last five years, reading in chronological order: Ed Hughes, Bill Petersen, Gillman and Phillips.

They should be more concerned about the stretch of season from Nov. 9 to Nov. 24. In those two weeks they play the World champion Pittsburgh Steelers twice with a game against Miami sandwiched in between.

Phillips' main weapon against the Steelers, Dolphins and all the rest is Dan Pastorini, who could become one of the NFL's top quarterbacks. Pastorini is in his fifth season and he's proven he has the arm, the head and, above all, the courage.

Anyone who could take the beatings Pastorini took in his first three seasons and come back for more has to have courage.

Operating with a makeshift offensive line, a running game that

ranked dead last in the NFL and receivers no one would put on the all-pro team, Pastorini still managed to mount enough offense to keep his club in most games and to win half of them.

The Oilers also have one of the most-coveted back-up quarterbacks in the league, Lynn Dickey. For two years other NFL clubs have made trade overtures, without success, for Dickey. On one hand, the Oilers, with so many flaws elsewhere in their lineup, can't seem to afford the luxury of a Grade A backup quarterback. On the other hand, Dickey is the only tradable commodity on the roster who could command top players or draft choices as a price.

Houston's roster of wide receivers is full of might be's. Ken Burrough, who exasperated coaches in New Orleans and Houston with his unfulfilled talent, finally fulfilled some of it in

'74. He caught 36 passes for 492 yards. Billy Parks, who usually has his mind on things other than football, caught 20 for 330 yards. Mike Montgomery, injury hexed throughout his pro career, caught 9 for 179 yards against St. Louis, then got hurt again.

The best news for Pastorini was Billy Johnson, a rookie no bigger than a yard marker. At his size (5-9 and 170), Johnson wasn't expected to make much of a dent. He did, catching 29 passes for 388 yards and doing all sorts of good things on kickoff and punt returns. The Oilers also drafted Emmett Edwards, Kansas' all-time catcher, in the second round.

Mack Alston won the starting tight end job last year and Phillips traded with Kansas City to get 6-10 Morris Stroud as a back-up.

There are hopes the anemic running game can be given a

FRED WILLIS (44), Houston running back, was plagued by injuries in 1974, but when healthy is a reliable ground gainer and a sound pass receiver.





DAN PASTORINI, Houston quarterback, completed 140 passes including 10 for TDs last season, for uplifted Oilers.



BILLY JOHNSON, diminutive wide receiver, accounted for 1194 yards on punt and kickoff returns during 1974 season.

transfusion. When Vic Washington was acquired from San Francisco for a first-round draft choice, he was not exactly filled with enthusiasm for playing in Houston with a last-place team. But, toward the end of the season, when the Oilers were rolling, Washington's attitude changed and so did his production. Phillips thinks he can count on Vic now.

The man who could line up as Washington's accomplice is Dan Hardeman, a fullback drafted in the first round. Hardeman was a linebacker until his senior year at Texas A&I, but he was so impressive in that one year pro scouts think he can step right in and play. At 6-2 and 230 pounds, Hardeman is the first big back of quality the Oilers have had in a decade. He ran 216 times for 1547 as a senior, but it was his blocking which sold the pros.

Behind Washington and Hardeman there is a scramble. Ronnie Coleman was considered a phenom in training camp, then fizzled when the season started. He'll get another look.

Fred Willis was nagged by injuries. He's a plugger as a ball

carrier and a sound receiver. Willie Rodgers led the team in rushing with 413 yards, which doesn't assure him of employment this year. The mystery man is George Amundson, drafted in the first round three years ago. He was a quarterback at Iowa State and the clock is running out on Houston's project to make him a productive runner.

Gillman took a little of this and a little of that and came up with an offensive line. His master stroke was converting Greg Sampson from a defensive tackle to an offensive one. Sampson looked like a future star last year. Elbert Drungo is a workmanlike pro on the other side. Brian Goodman is another plugger at guard but that position may be a total skirmish this year with Sol Freelon, Harris Jones, Ron Saul and converted defensive guard Ron Carroll all pushing for work.

The Oilers gave up on signing Booker Brown, a WFL star who probably would have been a starting guard for them. They traded his rights to San Diego for center Carl Mauck. Mauck was the Charger starter last year and may

fill that role for Houston.

Sid Smith and Fred Hoaglin battled for the center job last year and will again. Ricky Seeker, a rookie from Texas A&M, may get into it, too. There were three other offensive linemen on the draft list—guard-center Jody Medford of Rice, tackle Jerry Lawrence of South Dakota State and tackle Mike Biehle of Miami, Ohio. Glen Ray Hines, slated to handle the special teams, was taken off the coaching staff and put on the player roster before the Oilers went to camp.

One of the things which turned Houston around in '74 was a radical change in defensive tactics. Gillman fully adapted the 3-4 defense as his basic set. Phillips will stay with it.

What made the 3-4 function was acquisition of Curley Culp from Kansas City to play middle guard. Culp cost the Oilers the services of John Matuszak, No. 1 pick in the whole draft two years ago. But there was some serious doubt whether the big guy would ever do much in the pros, anyway. Culp, on the other hand, was the quick, strong guy the 3-4 needs to make it effective.



ELVIN BETHEA, defensive end, has played in the last four Pro Bowls.

The Oilers were sure they had one end to hold up a side of the shrunken line. Elvin Bethea is a four-year man in the Pro Bowl. But they were worried about the other side until Tody Smith gave him his best pro season.

Now Phillips has depth in that line. Bubba McCollum is the second middle guard with Jim White and rookie Jess O'Neal of Grambling backing up Smith and Bethea.

Finding linebackers was tougher work for Gillman. He had a natural inside linebacker in Gregg Bingham. The surprise was Steve Kiner, who cleaned up his act and became a furious blitzer for the Oilers. The outside positions were manned by ex Chief Ted Washington, the leading quarterback sacker, ex Falcon Duane Benson and Al Cowlings, who was switched from defensive end.

Someone is going to have to move over for Robert Brazile, first-round draft choice from Jackson State. He was the top linebacker in the college draft. Brazile can play inside or out.

For depth, Phillips has Guy Roberts, Marvin Davis, ex Cowboy John Babinecz and Ricky Browne.

Phillips seems happy with most of his defensive backs, although there is no great admiration for the Oiler secondary throughout the NFL. The Oilers didn't draft any defensive backs in a high round.

Zeke Moore has the best reputation among the Houston deep backs. He's a tough, smooth corner who can intimidate a receiver. Willie Alexander improved on the other side.

Bob Atkins, who has been a disappointment most of his pro career, had a satisfactory year at free safety, leading the club with six interceptions. He surprised opponents by hitting folks. The strong safety is a scramble among Jeff Severson, Al Johnson, C. L. Whittington and Tommy Maxwell.

Rookie Alan Pringle of Rice will press Skip Butler for the field goal duty. David Beverly was an accurate punter in his rookie season.

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Butler, 56 points on 29 XP, 9 field goals	18th
RUSHING —Rodgers, 122 carries for 413 yds., 3.4 Avg., 5 TDs	20th
PASSING —Pastorini, 140 of 247 attempts for 1571 yds., 10 TDs	5th
RECEIVING —Burrough, 36 receptions for 492 yds., 2 TDs	14th
INTERCEPTIONS —Atkins, 6 for 85 yds., 14.2 Avg.	6th
PUNTING —Beverly, 79 punts, 39.2 Avg., longest 69 yds.	8th
PUNT RETURNS —B. Johnson, 30 for 409 yds., 13.6 Avg.	4th
KICKOFF RETURNS —B. Johnson, 29 for 785 yds., 27.1 Avg.	2nd

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 AT New Orleans (N)	
16 WASHINGTON (N)	
23 AT Denver (N)	
30 DALLAS (N)	
Sept. 8 BALTIMORE (N)	
13 AT Chicago (N)	

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 AT New England	—
28 SAN DIEGO	21-14
Oct. 5 CINCINNATI	20-3
12 AT Cleveland	7-20
19 WASHINGTON	—
26 DETROIT	—
Nov. 2 AT Kansas City	7-17
9 AT Pittsburgh	13-10
16 MIAMI	—
24 PITTSBURGH (N)	7-13
30 AT Cincinnati	34-21
Dec. 7 AT San Francisco	—
14 AT Oakland	—
21 CLEVELAND	28-24

OILERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
19	Alexander, Willie	CB	6-3	190	25	5	Alcorn A&M
82	Alston, Mack	TE	6-3	230	28	6	Md. State
12	Amundson, G.	RB	6-3	215	24	3	Iowa St.
48	Atkins, Bob	FS	6-3	210	28	8	Grambling
50	Babinecz, John	LB	6-1	222	25	4	Villanova
52	Benson, Duane	LB	6-2	218	30	9	Hamline
65	Bethea, Elvin	DE	6-2	255	28	8	N.C. A&T
4	Beverly, David	P	6-2	180	25	2	Auburn
54	Bingham, Gregg	LB	6-1	230	23	3	Purdue
00	Burrough, Ken	WR	6-3	210	27	6	Tex. So.
2	Butler, Skip	K	6-0	200	28	5	Arlington
63	Carroll, Ronnie	G	6-2	265	26	2	S. Houston
47	Coleman, Ronnie	RB	5-10	193	24	2	Ala. A&M
76	Cowlings, Al	LB	6-5	245	28	6	So. Calif.
78	Culp, Curley	MG	6-1	265	28	8	Arizona St.
58	Davis, Marvin	LB	6-4	235	23	2	Southern
10	Dicky, Lynn	QB	6-4	210	26	5	Kansas St.
75	Drungo, Elbert	T	6-4	265	31	7	Tenn. St.
70	Fisher, Ed	C	6-3	245	26	2	Arizona St.
11	Foote, James	QB	6-2	210	24	2	Del. Valley
32	Ford, Charlie	CB	6-3	185	27	5	Houston
69	Freelon, Solomon	G	6-2	249	24	4	Grambling
68	Goodman, Brian	G	6-2	250	25	3	U.C.L.A.
36	Gresham, Bob	RB	5-11	195	26	5	West Va.
53	Hoaglin, Fred	C	6-4	250	31	10	Pittsburgh
	Hines, Glen Ray	T	6-5	270	32	10	Arkansas
72	Hunt, Kevin	T	6-5	260	26	4	Doane
15	Johnson, Al	SS	6-0	200	25	4	Cincinnati
84	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-9	170	23	2	Widener
61	Jones, Harris	G	6-4	243	30	4	J. C. Smith
57	Kiner, Steve	LB	6-1	220	28	5	Tennessee
51	Lou, Ron	C	6-2	235	24	3	Arizona St.
32	Lumpkin, Ron	DB	6-2	197	24	2	Arizona St.
42	Maxwell, Tommy	SS	6-2	195	28	7	Texas A&M
71	McCollum, B.	MG	6-0	250	23	2	Kentucky
24	Montgomery, M.	WR	6-2	210	26	5	Kansas St.
22	Moore, Zeke	CB	6-3	196	32	9	Lincoln
20	Parks, Billy	WR	6-1	190	27	5	Long Beach
7	Pastorini, Dan	QB	6-3	205	26	5	Santa Clara
46	Queen, Jeff	TE	6-1	217	28	7	Morgan St.
56	Roberts, Guy	LB	6-1	217	25	4	Maryland
34	Rodgers, Willie	RB	6-1	210	26	4	Kentucky St.
73	Sampson, Greg	T	6-6	260	25	4	Stanford
64	Saul, Ron	G	6-2	255	27	6	Mich. St.
45	Severson, Jeff	SS	6-0	185	26	4	Long Beach
31	Simpson, Mike	DB	5-9	170	28	6	Houston
77	Smith, Sid	C	6-4	260	27	6	So. Calif.
85	Smith, Tody	DE	6-5	250	27	6	So. Calif.
88	Stroud, Morris	TE	6-10	285	28	7	Clark C.
77	Thomas, Lee	DE	6-5	245	28	5	Jackson St.
59	Washington, Ted	LB	6-1	240	27	2	Miss. Val.
23	Washington, Vic	RB	5-10	196	26	5	Wyoming
41	Wells, Terence	RB	5-11	195	24	2	So. Miss.
79	White, Jim	DE	6-4	255	27	3	Colorado St.
38	Whittington, C.L.	SS	6-1	200	23	2	Pr. View
44	Willis, Fred	RB	6-0	205	28	5	Boston Col.

ROOKIES

	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
28	Armijo, Ted	DB	6-0	190	21	Long Beach
51	Bailey, Charles	LB	6-2	220	23	N.C. Cent.
94	Bailey, Mike	DT	6-5	276	23	High School
13	Baker, Douglas	QB	6-3	100	22	N. Mex. St.
74	Biehle, Mike	T	6-4	245	22	Miami (O)
18	Blackburn, J.	P-QB	5-11	190	21	S.M.U.
55	Brazile, Robert	LB	6-4	230	24	Jackson St.
55	Brennan, Gerald	DT	6-5	255	21	Ind. Cent.
49	Browne, Rickey	LB	6-1	222	22	Florida
83	Bruer, Robert	TE	6-5	230	23	Mankato
98	Burkholder, D.	LB	6-5	235	22	Central St.
40	Chalmers, M.	TE-LB	6-4	245	23	Austin
8	Clark, Craig	WR	6-3	195	23	Utah St.
53	Coleman, Wm.	LB	6-3	230	23	LaCrosse
96	Cooper, Louis	DT	6-7	275	24	Doane
33	Cotney, Mark	S	5-11	200	22	Cameron
37	Dacy, Tim	TE	6-3	235	24	None
97	Danielson, D.	LB	6-1	215	24	Williamette
29	Dawkins, Harold	DB	5-11	180	23	J. C. Smith
18	Easley, Melvin	DB	6-1	203	21	Oregon
87	Edwards, Emmett	WR	6-1	187	23	Kansas
30	Hardeman, Don	RB	6-2	230	23	Tex. A&I
16	Hawkins, Nat	WR	6-1	190	22	Las Vegas
25	Henley, Bruce	LB	6-1	185	23	Rice
99	Hill, Darryl	LB	6-2	225	21	Boston U.
26	Holmes, Jack	RB	5-11	194	23	Texas So.
3	Jones, Ron	WR-CB	6-0	190	22	Cameron
27	Lambert, Ken	DB	6-2	205	23	Va. Tech
66	Lawrence, Jerry	T	6-6	275	32	So. Dak. St.
32	Lehner, Ron	RB	6-2	235	24	Montana
89	McClung, Gary	TE	6-4	225	22	E. Central
5	McCray, Sam	WR	6-0	175	24	Wayne St.
60	Medford, Jody	G	6-2	265	21	Rice
90	Millender, Allen	T	6-3	265	21	Fullerton
86	Miller, Willie	WR	5-9	172	22	Colorado St.
91	Nance, Ralph	T	6-6	290	22	Western
44	Nicholson, Oliver	LB	6-2	226	23	Tex. So.
67	O'Neal, Jesse	DT	6-4	239	21	Grambling
6	Orchin, Pat	WR	5-9	178	23	Houston
9	Price, Redic	WR	6-0	190	22	W. Tex. St.
17	Pringle, Alan	K	6-0	195	22	Rice
14	Reece, Clarence	WR	6-2	190	23	So. Calif.
1	Rickets, Stanley	WR	5-10	175	23	Wichita St.
67	Ritter, Sylvester	G	6-2	268	21	Fayetteville
52	Robertson, S.	LB	6-3	241	22	Bishop
39	Robinson, Ken	TE	6-3	225	23	Arizona St.
81	Sawyer, John	TE	6-2	225	23	So. Miss.
80	Scales, Ricky	WR	5-11	178	24	Va. Tech
62	Seeker, Ricky	C	6-3	250	23	Texas A&M
21	Smith, Hilton	DB	6-1	185	24	Ala. A&M
93	Sukurs, Charles	C	6-3	235	21	Indiana
31	Sullivan, Grady	RB	6-0	190	23	Bishop
92	Taylor, Robert	T	6-2	280	23	Indiana
35	Thompson, Earl	RB	6-1	216	24	S. Houston
27	Thompson, Ted	LB	6-1	210	22	S.M.U.

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CLEVELAND BROWNS

FORREST GREGG, Coach.

Assistants: Dick Modzelewski, Al Tabor, Richie McCabe, Blanton Collier, Rod Humenuik, Walt Corey, George Sefcik, Doug Gerhart.

PREDICTION 4th

The Cleveland Browns won four games last year. The Browns used to win more than that by Columbus Day.

But these aren't the old Browns or even the recent Browns. Owner Art Modell looked about him last season and saw the bad Browns, one of the weakest teams in the National Football League.

They were completely out of the Central Division race in the American Conference. Even Houston, former basket case of the entire league, passed them. When the season ended, the Browns were in sole possession of last place in the AFC-Central, a full three games behind Houston.

Modell is a proud man. He simmered and then proceeded to do everything possible to change things.

Since last season the Browns have:

1. Fired Coach Nick Skorich.
2. Hired Forrest Gregg, the one-time Green Bay all-pro offensive tackle, as the new head coach.
3. Brought ex head coach Blanton Collier out of retirement to tutor quarterback Mike Phipps, at the make or break stage of his career.
4. Re-ordered their offensive line.
5. Drafted to strengthen the sorry condition at defensive end.
6. Traded to strengthen their weak situation at wide receiver.

Gregg has been in coaching only four seasons, all of his previous experience having been as an assistant in San Diego and Cleveland. His hiring amounts to a hunch by Modell. The hope is that Gregg can impart some of what he learned from Vince Lombardi.

The new coach doesn't think that's such a bad idea.

Phipps has done little to cheer Cleveland fans since the Browns

traded Paul Warfield just for the right to draft Mike five seasons ago. Last year he was the 14th-ranked quarterback in the 13-team AFC. For much of last season he lost his job to Brian Sipe, who does not possess the kind of physical skills which Phipps has.

Modell is the one who suggested to Gregg that Collier be brought back to serve as Phipps' personal tutor. The old Kentuck-

ian long has had a reputation as a superb teacher.

Phipps is running out of excuses. His slow progress has been blamed on the switching of coaches, on a young offensive line and on lack of receivers. There is a suspicion that Mike just isn't good enough to win in the NFL. It is up to him to dispel the notion.

One thing which may help him is the re-ordered line.



MIKE PHIPPS (above), Cleveland's young quarterback, is at a critical stage of his pro football career, and if he doesn't produce this season, could lose his job permanently to less talented BRIAN SIPE (below).



The biggest switch is the move of veteran guard John DeMarie to center. Gregg and his coaches felt Bob DeMarco is over yon hill and that DeMarie would be a better protector for Phipps.

Milt Morin, long one of the steadiest Browns, is still the starting tight end. He caught 27 passes for 330 yards, a 12.2 average and three touchdowns. Chip Glass, his longtime backup, was exiled to the Giants after signing with the WFL.

When the Browns went to training camp they started with a pony backfield of Greg Pruitt and Ken Brown. The Browns just don't have a sound fullback type.

One of the criticisms of the Cleveland coaching operation in the last few years was the use of Pruitt. Many fans thought it was a mistake using him as a spot player and Forrest Gregg agrees. "He's a fulltime player from now on," says the new coach.

Pruitt ran the ball 126 times for 540 yards last year. Brown got as much work, running 125 times for 458. If Gregg finds he has to have a bigger back in the lineup, he can always go back to Hugh McKinnis, who came out of the Canadian League to gain 519 yards on 124 carries and led the club in receiving with 32 catches as a starter last year.

The best newcomer is Henry Hynoski of Temple, who, at 215, is a big halfback type. Bo Scott, nearing the end of his career, is about the same size. The big disappointment is Bill Pritchett, who has the ability to function as the needed power back but can't seem to lay off the calories. He reported more than 20 pounds overweight.

For the last couple of seasons the Browns have been playing without defensive ends. They've had guys filling the role, but not very well.

One draft choice after another failed them — Marvin Upshaw, Joe Jones, Lester Sims. To worsen the situation Jack Gregory, an all-pro at the time, played out his option and signed with the Giants. Those developments almost disarmed the Browns.

Now Gregg thinks the club has the answer. Mack Mitchell, the 6-8 defensive end from Houston

who was the No. 1 draft choice. If Mitchell makes it big, the Browns think even one quality end will be enough to improve them. Last year they started Carl Barisich and Nick Roman. Roman was released after the season started and Barisich was returned to tackle.

Even one good end, Mitchell, will help the Browns because their tackles, Jerry Sherk and Walter Johnson, are so skilled they can play watchdog while Mitchell tees off on the passer. The Browns need pass rush desperately. Barisich is the backup for Johnson and Sherk. The other defensive end of record is Mike Siefert, but he could be pushed by another rookie, John Zimba of Villanova. Other rookies include end Stan Lewis of Wayne State and Willie Moore of Johnson C. Smith.

Gregg considers his linebacking fairly set. It isn't the best unit you'll see, but everyone is experienced and stable.

Bob Babich is a steady man in the middle. He still has plenty of



GREG PRUITT, fleet running back, will see more action this season.

VAN GREEN (21), Browns safety, gets elbowed by Steelers JACK LAMBERT.





BOB BABICH (60), Browns linebacker, angles in on Oilers DAN PASTORINI.

range, even after all his leg troubles. He is flanked by quick Charles Hall on the right and seasoned John Garlington on the left.

Best of the newcomers is Jim Cope of Ohio State, who has possibilities in the middle and the outside. Also drafted were Dave Graf of Penn State, a college defensive end, and Dick Ambrose of Virginia.

There should be at least one rookie to break into the starting

lineup. Neither Van Green nor Charles Brooks gave the Browns what they wanted at right corner last year, so Tony Peters of Oklahoma is the leading candidate this season. Charles Miller of West Virginia is another possibility there.

The other corner back is Clarence Scott, one of the NFL's finest.

Although Green wasn't the answer at corner, he turned out to be the strong safety the Browns

JOHN GARLINGTON (50), veteran LB, has played 8 seasons in the NFL.



1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS	
SCORING —Cockroft, 71 points on 29 XP, 14 field goals	9th
RUSHING —Pruitt, 126 carries for 540 yds., 4.3 Avg., 3 TDs	14th
PASSING —Phipps, 117 of 256 attempts for 1384 yds. 9 TDs	14th
RECEIVING —McKinnis, 32 receptions for 258 yds.	20th
INTERCEPTIONS —Darden, 8 for 105 yds., 13.1 Avg.	3rd
PUNTING —Cockroft, 90 punts, 40.5 Avg., longest 64 yds.	4th
PUNT RETURNS —Pruitt, 27 for 349 yds., 12.9 Avg.	6th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Pruitt, 22 for 606 yds., 27.5 Avg., 1 TD	1st

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	10 AT San Francisco
	16 PHILADELPHIA (N)
	22 AT Washington (N)
Sept.	1 BUFFALO
	7 Giants at Seattle Wash.
	13 DETROIT (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 AT Cincinnati	7-33
28 MINNESOTA	—
Oct. 5 PITTSBURGH	16-26
12 HOUSTON	20-7
19 AT Denver	23-21
26 WASHINGTON	—
Nov. 2 AT Baltimore	—
9 AT Detroit	—
16 AT Oakland	24-40
23 CINCINNATI	24-34
30 NEW ORLEANS	—
Dec. 7 AT Pittsburgh	16-20
14 KANSAS CITY	—
21 AT Houston	24-28

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were looking for. Thom Darden is a first class free safety. Floyd Hogan of Arkansas is another rookie possibility.

Don Cockroft is the league's foremost combination kicker. He was true on 14 of 16 field goal attempts and averaged 40.5 yards per punt.

Pruitt led the AFC in kickoff returns with a 27.5 yard average. He was sixth in punt returns with 12.9.

BROWNS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
69	Adams, Pete	G	6-4	260	24	2	So. Calif.
40	Anderson, Preston	S	6-1	183	24	2	Rice
60	Babich, Bob	LB	6-2	231	28	6	Miami (O.)
74	Barisich, Carl	DT	6-4	255	24	3	Princeton
64	Beams, Jeff	G	6-2	245	24	1	Ohio U.
23	Brooks, Clifford	CB	6-1	182	26	4	Tenn. St.
28	Brown, Eddie	S	5-11	185	23	2	Tennessee
30	Brown, Ken	RB	5-10	203	30	6	None
12	Cockroft, Don	K	6-1	195	30	8	Adams St.
16	Cureton, Will	QB	6-3	200	25	1	E. Tex. St.
27	Darden, Thom	S	6-2	193	25	4	Michigan
64	Darrow, Barry	T	6-7	260	25	2	Montana
54	DeLeone, Tom	C	6-2	248	25	4	Ohio State
61	DeMarco, Bob	C	6-2	248	37	15	Dayton
65	Demarie, John	G	6-3	248	30	9	La. State
73	Dieken, Doug	T	6-5½	252	26	5	Illinois
50	Garlington, John	LB	6-1	221	29	8	La. State
10	Gartner, Chris	K	6-0	168	25	2	Indiana
82	George, Tim	WR	6-5	210	24	3	C-Newman
21	Green, Van	S	6-1	192	24	3	Shaw
59	Hali, Charlie	LB	6-3½	230	27	5	Houston
42	Hepburn, Lonnie	CB	5-11	180	26	4	Tex. So'ern
88	Holden, Steve	WR	6-1½	194	24	3	Arizona St.
62	Holloway, Glen	G	6-3	250	27	6	N. Tex. St.
67	Hutchison, Chuck	G	6-4½	254	23	2	Ohio St.
77	Ilgelfritz, Mark	DT	6-4	265	33	11	Vanderbilt
71	Johnson, Walter	DT	6-4	265	33	11	Cal. St. L-A
26	Lefear, Billy	WR	5-11	197	25	4	Henderson
53	Long, Mel	LB	6-1½	228	29	4	Colorado
57	McClowry, Bob	C	6-3	245	25	1	Mich. St.
99	McDaniel, Mike	T-G	6-2	235	23	1	Kansas
78	McKay, Bob	T-G	6-5	265	28	6	Texas
37	McKinnis, Hugh	RB	6-½	219	27	3	Arizona St.
89	Morin, Milt	TE	6-4	240	33	10	Mass.
15	Phipps, Mike	QB	6-3	205	28	6	Purdue
13	Polke, Ken	QB	6-3	190	24	1	Dayton
39	Pritchett, Billy	RB	6-3½	230	24	1	W. Tex. St.
34	Pruitt, Greg	RB	5-10	190	24	3	Oklahoma
56	Romaniszyn, Jim	LB	6-2	224	24	3	Edinboro
80	Rucker, Reggie	WR	6-2	190	28	6	Boston, U.
22	Scott, Clarence	CB	6-0	180	26	5	Kansas St.
35	Scott Rob. (Bo)	RB	6-3	215	32	7	Ohio St.
66	Seifert, Mike	DE	6-3	250	24	2	Wisconsin
72	Sherk, Jerry	DT	6-4½	250	26	6	Okl. St.
17	Sipe, Brian	QB	6-1	190	26	2	S. Diego St.
85	Smith, Ken	TE	6-4	225	24	2	N. Mexico
48	Sullivan, Dave	WR	5-11½	185	24	2	Virginia
79	Sullivan, Gerry	T	6-4	250	23	2	Illinois
29	Sumner, Walt	S	6-1	190	28	7	Florida St.
84	Thaxton, Jim	TE	6-2	240	26	3	Tenn. St.
31	Williams, Eddie	RB	5-11	215	26	1	West VA

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
52	Ambrose, Dick	LB	6-0	235	22	Virginia
91	Anderson, Glenn	LB	6-3	230	22	McPherson
87	Armstead, W.	WR	6-3	198	23	Utah
41	Barrett, Tim	RB	6-1	200	22	J. Carroll
92	Berndt, David	DE	6-5	240	22	Wartburg
96	Compton, Ned	WR	6-0	185	22	Wooster
51	Cope, Jim	LB	6-1	235	22	Ohio St.
58	Costello, Tom	LB	6-2	225	23	Richmond
96	Gessler, Eric	C	6-3	245	22	Marshall
47	Gow, Mike	S	5-11	175	23	Illinois
55	Graf, Dave	LB	6-2	215	22	Penn St.
49	Hogan, Floyd	S	5-11	180	22	Arkansas
36	Hynoski, Henry	RB	6-0	210	22	Temple
94	Jackson, Robert	T	6-5	245	22	Duke
97	Johnston, David	DT	6-3	235	22	Missouri
75	Lewis, Stan	DE	6-4	240	22	Wayne
95	Marinelli, Tom	G	6-4½	260	23	Boston Col.
64	McKay, J.K.	WR	5-11	170	22	So. Cal.
24	Miller, Charles	CB	5-11	175	22	West VA
70	Mitchell, Mack	DE	6-8	250	22	Houston
61	Moore, Willie	DT	6-5	250	21	J. C. Smith
86	Nelson, Bruce	TE	6-5	225	22	Bethany
43	Pearson, Joe	DT	6-2	240	23	Virginia St.
20	Peters, Tony	CB	6-1	187	22	Oklahoma
38	Poole, Larry	RB	6-1½	195	23	Kent St.
81	Roan, Oscar	WR	6-6	210	24	SMU
83	Santini, Barry	TE	6-3	228	23	Purdue
9	Schminke, David	K	5-10	170	26	Elizabethton
93	Steininger, Paul	G	6-3	247	23	N. E. Okla.
90	Telep, Mike	TE	6-4½	230	22	Columbia
62	Wang, Merle	T	6-4	255	24	TCU
68	Zimba, John	DE	6-4	250	22	Villanova

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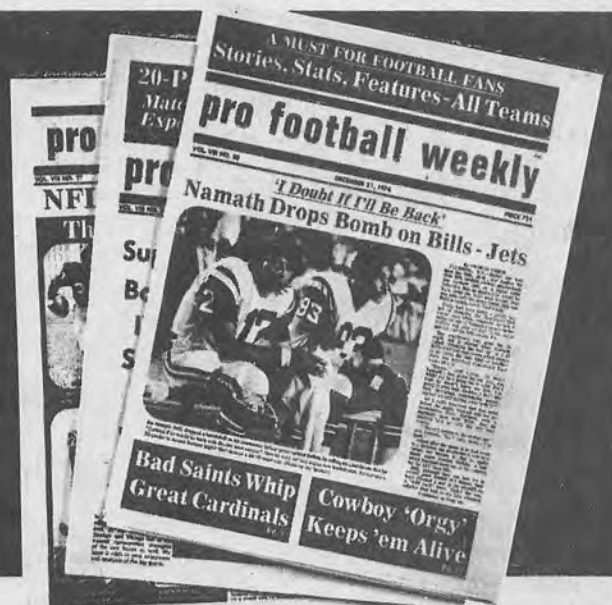
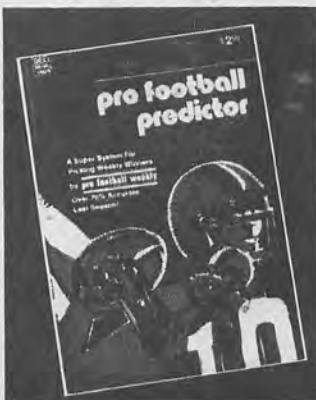
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MIAMI DOLPHINS

PREDICTION 1st

The last time we saw the Miami Dolphins, they and the Oakland Raiders had us in an emotional whirlpool. Miami's journey to a fourth consecutive Super Bowl was derailed by the narrowness of the opening through which Ken Stabler's pass to Clarence Davis traveled for the winning touchdown in their AFC playoff game.

The next time we see the Dolphins they will be a restructured team.

The re-structuring will not be by design but rather necessity. In case you've been in the Antarctic for the last year, you know that fullback Larry Csonka, wide receiver Paul Warfield and running back Jim Kiick are Dolphins no more. They got real money, lots of it, to defect to the World Football League.

As a result of those defections, the Miami offense you have come to fear or love, depending upon your fan affiliation, will be different.

Ball control is out. The emphatic passing game is in.

Csonka is out. Don Nottingham is in.

Kiick is out. Donny Anderson, the old Green Bay star, is in.

Warfield is out. Rookie Fred Solomon is in. At least Coach Don Shula hopes he is in.

"The man we will miss the most," admits Coach Don Shula, is Csonka. "He enabled us to play the style of football we played since 1970."

What Csonka enabled the Dolphins to do was avoid situations like second-and-9; allowed them to demoralize the opposition by retaining possession of the football for long stretches of time as Miami nursed a lead; and made tackling him one of the most unpleasant tasks in the NFL.

Don Nottingham, a hammered-down little journeyman, is the

only experienced power back on the Miami roster. He is a fine blocker, possibly a better one than Csonka. But opposing players do not ache for days after tackling him. Nottingham does not get first downs merely by falling forward, as Csonka often did.

Consequently, the personality of the Miami attack must change. The change involves Bob Griese, the quarterback who, along with the line, is still the guts of the offense.

"I expect Griese will throw a lot more than people have been accustomed to seeing him throw," says Shula. "By a lot more I mean 18 to 20 times a game."

When Griese was throwing his customary 14 to 16 passes a game, most of the vital ones went to Warfield, whom many NFL watchers still felt was the best wide receiver in the NFL last year. Just who will assume Warfield's role is a puzzle. Nat Moore broke in as a rookie flash last year, leading the team with 37 catches. But he's not a big

DON SHULA, Coach.

Assistants: Tom Keane, Carl Taseff, Monte Clark, Mike Scarry, Howard Schnellenberger, Don Doll.

fellow and there is some question how well he'll do without Warfield attracting multiple coverage on the other side of the field.

Solomon was a college quarterback at Tampa, but most pro scouts considered him the best pure athlete in the draft, a man who could be converted to any of several positions and do well. Shula hopes he can be the big pass catcher, although he also is giving him a courtesy audition as a quarterback.

For the time being, Warfield's role as the money receiver probably will be played by Jim Mandich, the tough tight end. Mandich led the Dolphins in touchdown catches with six.

Miami's running game probably will revolve around Mercury Morris, whose leg ailments and dark moods made him an unproductive ball carrier in 1974. Morris now has a chance to be what he always wanted, the O. J. Simpson of the Dolphins.

There is depth at the skill positions.

Anderson is an excellent pass

BOB GRIESE is expected to pass much more for Dolphins this year.

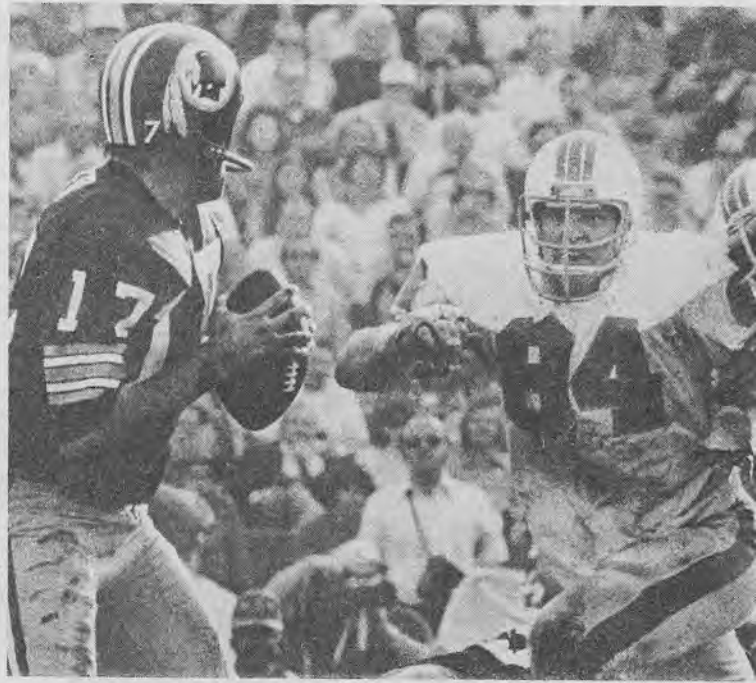


EDDIE SOLOMON was considered the best pure athlete in '75 NFL draft.





MERCURY MORRIS has his chance to be the Dolphins No. 1 running back now that Larry Csonka has departed to WFL.



BILL STANFILL (84), All-Pro defensive end, moves in for kill on Washington Redskin quarterback BILL KILMER (17).

catcher and he'll fill the Kiick role in passing situations. Shula traded discontented receiver Marlin Briscoe to the Cardinals for Anderson and got reserve tight end Jim McFarland as a bonus. Marv Fleming became expendable and was traded to Washington for a draft choice.

Behind the kid wide receivers is Howard Twilley, the reliable possession catcher, and another touted rookie, Marv Owens, who will be the only outside receiver with any size.

If Mercury isn't ready to contribute, Shula will go with Benny Malone, who played well as a rookie last year. He showed super desire in ripping for a vital touchdown against Oakland in the playoffs.

The man behind Griese is ancient Earl Morrall. Shula coaxed Morrall into postponing retirement once again because young Don Strock isn't far enough developed to do any carrying in the event Griese got hurt.

The rookie list at the skill positions includes power back Stan Winfrey of Arkansas State, running back Phil Kent of Baylor, running back Clyde Russell of Oklahoma, wide receiver Len Isbell of Tulsa, quarterback Jack Graham of Colorado State and running backs Skip James of



DON SHULA, Miami's astute coach, barks commands to his team as kickers GARO YEPREMIAN (1) and LARRY SEIPLE (20) view action from along sidelines.

Carson-Newman and Dwaine Copeland of Middle Tennessee as well as Solomon and Owens.

No matter who does the ball carrying, the holes will be there. Miami's offensive line may be the best in football.

Every man on the front wall has been to the Pro Bowl at least once. Jim Langer is virtually undisputed as the best center in football. Bob Kuechenberg was the best man on the field when Miami beat Minnesota in the '74 Super Bowl and the other guard, Larry Little, is still a Sherman tank leading a power sweep.

Norman Evans, who was on the original Miami roster in 1966, is playing some of the best football of his career at tackle. The other tackle became a problem area last year when Wayne Moore tore up a knee and then Doug Crusan broke his leg. Both are back in good health but just to make sure Shula drafted Tampa's Darryl Carlton.

Ed Newman is the first back-up at guard. Veteran Irv Goode can play center or guard. Tom Wickert got to start a few games at tackle. The draft list also included guards Jim Wilson of

Clark, tackle Joe Yancey of Henderson State and center Vernon Smith of Georgia.

If everything on the offensive unit malfunctioned without the defectors, the Dolphin defense is so strong that it might carry the club to the playoffs by itself.

Bill Stanfill and Vern den Herder are two of the most awesome ends in the NFL. Neither would be out of place on an all-pro team. They do equally well rushing the passer or stopping the run.

There could be a change at tackle. Manny Fernandez didn't have a great year, particularly as a pass rusher. Bob Heinz is solid, but might be vulnerable to challenge. The most likely challenger would be Ronald Reese, the Dolphins' first-round draftee last year. Shula thinks he has a big future. Randy Crowder, the quick, former Penn State star, was spotted as a rookie last year and did well.

Nick Buoniconti still plays good middle linebacker from memory. The linebacking unit, in fact, is one of the stronger ones in the NFL with Doug Swift, back in action after breaking his arm last season, at strong side and Mike Kolen at weak side. The utility man is Bob Matheson, who is the central figure in the effective "53" defense.

When Swift was hurt last year, Larry Ball played. Bruce Bannon is spending his third season as Buoniconti's backup.

There were three linebackers taken high in the draft: Gerald Hill of Houston, Bruce Elia of Ohio State and Steve Towle of Kansas.

If there is a worry about the defensive unit it concerns the health of the two superb safeties, Dick Anderson and Jake Scott. Scott tore up a knee in the play-off against Oakland while Anderson copied him in the Pro Bowl. From all indications both men are recovered.

There are three seasoned corners, Curtis Johnson, Tim Foley and Lloyd Mumphord. All are capable players and all have been starters. Shula traded another experienced corner, Henry Stuckey, to the New York Giants so there would be playing time for the de-



DOUG SWIFT, Miami linebacker (on ground), brings down CID EDWARDS.

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Yepremian, 67 points on 43 XP, 8 field goals	11th
RUSHING —Csonka, 197 carries for 749 yds., 3.8 Avg., 9 TDs	9th
PASSING —Griese, 152 of 253 attempts for 1968 yds., 16 TDs	4th
RECEIVING —Moore, 37 receptions for 605 yds., 2 TDs	12th
INTERCEPTIONS —Scott, 8 for 75 yds., 9.4 Avg.	4th
PUNTING —Seiple, 65 punts, 38.6 Avg., longest 60 yds.	10th
PUNT RETURNS —Scott, 31 for 346 yds., 11.2 Avg.	8th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Moore, 22 for 587 yds., 26.7 Avg.	3rd

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 CINCINNATI (N)	
16 DETROIT (N)	
23 AT New Orleans (N)	
30 AT Minnesota (N)	
Sept. 6 CHICAGO (N)	
13 N.Y. GIANTS (N)	

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Sept. 22 OAKLAND (N)	—
28 AT New England	24-34
Oct. 5 AT Green Bay	—
12 PHILADELPHIA	—
19 AT N.Y. Jets	14-17
26 AT Buffalo	24-16
Nov. 2 AT Chicago	—
9 N.Y. JETS	21-17
16 AT Houston	—
23 BALTIMORE	17-7
Dec. 1 NEW ENGLAND (N)	34-27
7 BUFFALO	35-28
14 AT Baltimore	17-16
20 DENVER	—

velopment of Jeris White, a second-round draft choice from a year ago who mostly watched in '74.

The first reserve at safety is Charley Babb. Barry Hill of Iowa State is the top drafted defensive back. John Dilworth of Northwestern Louisiana and James Lewis of Tennessee State were down the list.

Garo Yepremian's 8-for-15 field goaling was not up to his standard but Shula thinks he'll come back big. Punter Larry Seiple is very accurate.

Moore, third in AFC kickoff returns, took back the opening kickoff for a touchdown in the playoff. Scott, assuming he's fully recovered, is still a reckless and effective punt returner.

DOLPHINS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
40	Anderson, Dick	S	6-2	196	29	8	Colorado
	Anderson, Don	RB	6-2	215	32	10	Texas Tech
49	Barr, Charlie	S	6-0	190	25	4	Memphis St.
82	Baker, Melvin	WR	6-0	192	25	2	Tev. So'ern
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74	Crowder, Randy	DT	6-2	236	22	2	Penn St.
77	Crusan, Doug	T	6-2	250	29	7	Indiana
39	Csonka, Larry	RB	6-2	237	28	8	Syracuse
83	Den Herder, V.	DE	6-6	252	26	5	Central Iowa
77	Evans, Norm	T	6-5	250	32	11	TCU
75	Fernandez, M.	DT	6-2	250	29	8	Utah
25	Foley, Tim	CB	6-0	194	27	6	Purdue
70	Funchess, Tom	T	6-5	270	30	8	Jackson St.
33	Ginn, Hubert	RB	5-10	185	28	6	Fia. A&M
55	Goode, Irv	C-G	6-5	262	34	13	Kentucky
12	Griese, Bob	QB	6-1	190	30	9	Purdue
72	Heinz, Bob	DT	6-6	265	28	7	Pacific
45	Johnson, Curtis	CB	6-1	196	27	6	Toledo
21	Klick, Jim	RB	5-11	214	29	8	Wyoming
57	Kolen, Mike	LB	6-2	222	27	6	Auburn
67	Kuechenberg, B.	T-G	6-2	252	27	6	Notre Dame
62	Langer, Jim	C	6-2	253	27	6	So. Dak. St.
66	Little, Larry	G	6-1	265	29	9	B-Cookman
32	Malone, Benny	RB	5-10	193	23	2	Arizona St.
88	Mandich, Jim	TE	6-2	224	27	6	Michigan
53	Matheson, Bob	LB	6-4	235	30	9	Duke
65	Moore, Mauliy	DT	6-5	265	29	4	B-Cookman
89	Moore, Nat	WR	5-9½	180	23	2	Florida
79	Moore, Wayne	T	6-6	265	30	6	Lamar Tech
15	Morrall, Earl	QB	6-2	210	41	20	Mich State
22	Morris, Mercury	RB	6-1	192	28	7	W. Texas St.
26	Mumphord, L.	CB	5-10	176	28	7	Tex. So'ern
64	Newman, Ed	G	6-2	245	24	3	Duke
36	Nottingham, D.	RB	5-10	210	26	5	Kent St.
76	Reese, Don	DE-DT	6-6	255	23	2	Jackson St.
13	Scott, Jake	S	6-0	188	30	6	Georgia
20	Seiple, Larry	P-TE	6-0	214	30	9	Kentucky
84	Stanfill, Bill	DE	6-5	252	28	7	Georgia
10	Strock, Don	QB	6-5	216	24	2	Va. Tech
59	Swift, Doug	LB	6-3	226	26	6	Amherst
81	Twilley, Howard	WR	5-10	185	31	10	Tulsa
42	Warfield, Paul	WR	6-0	188	32	12	Ohio St.
41	White, Jeris	DB	5-11	180	22	2	Hawaii
60	Wickert, Tom	T	6-3½	246	23	2	Wash. State
1	Yepremian, Garo	K	5-8	175	31	9	None

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Carlton, Darryl	OT	6-5	260	22	Tampa
Elia, Bruce	MLB	6-1	222	22	Ohio St.
Copeland, D. WR	RB	5-11	170	22	Mid. Tenn.
Crawford, B.	DT	6-4	246	22	Harding
Danelo, Joe	PK	5-9	166	22	Wash. St.
Dilworth, John	CB	6-0	170	22	No'western
Graham, Jack	QB	6-3½	198	23	Colo. St.
Hill, Gerald	LB	6-0	223	23	Houston
Hill, Barry	S	6-2½	185	22	Iowa St.
Isabell, L.	WR	6-3	184	22	Tulsa
Jackson, Joe	TE	6-3	215	23	Penn St.
Johns, Skip	RB	5-10½	230	23	C. Newman
Kent, Phillip	RB-WR	6-0	187	24	Baylor
Lewis, James	CB	5-10½	167	23	Tenn. St.
Owen, Morris	WR	6-1	190	22	Arizona St.
Russell, Clyde	RB	5-9	193	23	Oklahoma
Salomon, Fred	RB	5-11	181	22	Tampa
Smith, Vernon	C	6-3½	246	22	Georgia
Towle, Steve	LB	6-1½	233	22	Kansas
Wilson, Jim	G	6-2	252	23	Clark Col.
Winfrey, Stan	RB	5-11	223	22	Arkansas St.
Yancy, Joe	OT	6-5½	245	23	Henderson



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BUFFALO BILLS

LOU SABAN, Coach.

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PREDICTION 2nd

All of Buffalo's major-league sports teams—the football Bills, the basketball Braves and the hockey Sabres—seem to have the same, pleasing personality. They play offense. They go on the attack. They thrill the audience.

The catch is that defense wins championships. Ask the Pittsburgh Steeler fans.

The Bills, like their basketball and hockey brethren, have defensive deficiencies. Last year they were enough to eliminate the team in the first round of the playoffs. The question is whether enough of the holes have been plugged to get them as far as Round 1 this year, since the Bills will be tested by a schedule tougher than the one they had last year.

Buffalo used to be known as strictly a running team, with O. J. Simpson doing almost all of it. That's changed now. When the Bills confronted the Steelers in their first NFL playoff, it was Buffalo scoring the first touchdown and on a pass, at that. Even when the Steelers discovered that the Bills were playing with invisible linebackers and scored a barrage of touchdowns, quarterback Joe Ferguson was still able to move the ball through the air.

But despite the team's newly-discovered offensive balance, any talk of Buffalo's assets must begin with O. J.

Pro football's premier runner was injured in the first half of the opening game and played hurt the rest of the season. He wasn't the 2000-yard runner he was in 1973, partially because the Bills grew confident of their passing game, but he still managed a robust 1125 yards in 270 carries. No one in the NFL carried the ball as often.

Simpson is seeing new defenses these days. Teams are devising methods to cut off the lanes when he does his change-direction routine. They trail him wherever he



O.J. SIMPSON (32), Buffalo's premiere ballcarrier, gets solid blocking from big pulling guard JOE DE LAMIELLERUE (68) and turns the corner.

goes. It may open up other avenues for the Buffalo attack.

When O. J. hobbled off the field against Oakland in the opener, Ferguson won the game with a magnificent passing performance late in the contest. After that Joe still relied on the run, but he spiced it considerably with all sorts of pass routes.

Coming into the '74 season, Ferguson's reputation was that of a valet for Simpson. For most of his rookie season all Joe did was hand the ball to O.J., stand back and watch the action. Coach Lou Saban wanted his freshman firmly under control.

But when Fergy was unleashed last year he led the AFC in passing for half the season, finishing with 1588 yards and a dozen touchdowns.

With enemy defenses concentrating on O. J. and Ferguson, there is opportunity unlimited for fullback Jim Braxton. He is one of the strongest and fastest power runners in the NFL, but he bat-

tles a weight problem, chronic back ailment and last year he was cursed by a tendency to fumble. To guard against a recurrence of Braxton's back miseries, Saban drafted Penn State's big power back, Tom Donchez.

There is no insurance policy for O. J., of course. Saban thought he had an adequate backup last year when he switched rookie receiver Gary Hayman of Penn State to running back, his original college position, but Hayman then broke a leg in the same game in which Simpson was hurt. Hayman will try again this year. Don Calhoun, more a fullback type, played a lot as a rookie last year and there is also Clint Haselrig. Two running backs were drafted after Donchez. They are Reggie Cherry of Houston and Roland Hooks of North Carolina State.

The Bills boast of their best wide receivers in the history of the club. J.D. Hill and Ahmad Rashad. Rashad, who came from

St. Louis in a trade for quarterback Dennis Shaw, led the club with 36 catches and scored four touchdowns. Hill, an explosively exciting receiver, had the best per-catch average, 17.9 yards on 32 receptions, and the most touchdowns, six. Behind them is Bob Chandler, a clever possession catcher who is a one-time starter. Top rookies are Gil Chapman, a running back at Michigan, and Robert Evans of Morris Brown.

There could be different things happening at tight end. The incumbent is Paul Seymour, drafted as an offensive tackle two years ago. Seymour was shoved into the tight end position as a rookie to compensate for an emergency situation. Last year Saban drafted a tight end, Reuben Gant, on the first round. But Gant suffered a shoulder separation and never fully recovered until late in the season. By that time Seymour had developed into a competent tight end.

But now Saban needs a swift, active tackle to give his play book more versatility. Seymour answers the description. Saban saw enough of Gant to convince him he can be a top tight end. Reuben has plenty of speed,

enough to catch the deep pass and add new dimension to the attack. If the coach is right, there will be two lineup changes on offense.

The principal strength of the Buffalo line is in the middle. Guard Joe DeLamielleure graded out better than any of his colleagues in his second pro season. He's a tough, tenacious power blocker. Reggie McKenzie slipped from his all-pro season of the year before, but Saban expects he will come back strongly. Mike Montler, the ex Patriot tackle-guard, found a home as the Buffalo center.

Both tackles, Dave Foley and Donnie Green, are excellent drive blockers, but they have their limitations due to lack of speed. It's likely one of them will give way to Seymour, providing Gant proves he can handle tight end by himself. Best of the reserves is center Bruce Jarvis, a starter before suffering a knee injury in '73. There is decent depth, with guard Bill Adams, center-guard Willie Parker and tackle Halvor Hagen.

Saban also has depth behind Ferguson at quarterback. When Fergy was injured in a vital game against Miami, rookie quarter-

Gary Marangi stepped in and threw his first pro pass for a touchdown. Marangi will be heard from. He has talent and charisma. Behind him is Scott Hunter, who was Green Bay's starter in the Pack's playoff season of '73.

What the Bills must improve to move up in class, or to say even with their 9-5 record, for that matter, is their defense.

The team's first two draft choices were linebackers, the Nebraska pair of Tom Ruud and Bob Nelson. That tells a lot about Buffalo's problems. The only top-quality linebacker is John Skorupan and he went down at mid-season due to a knee injury. If Skorupan doesn't come back at pre-injury efficiency, the Bills are in a bigger defensive pickle than they figured.

A paucity of defensive ends caused Saban to switch to the 3-4 defense late in the season, even though he was reluctant to use the set. None of the four linebackers who finished the season as starters has a lock on employment for 1975.

Jim Cheyonski has been the starting middle linebacker for two years and he is an all-out competitor. The catch is that his

JOE FERGUSON, Bills' smallish QB, showed in '74 he was able passer.



AHMAD RASHAD, wide receiver, was Bills top pass catcher in 1974.



PAUL SEYMOUR may be moved from tight end to tackle this season.



lack of size limits what the Bills can do on defense. Saban wants a big, strong middle linebacker to jam up the running game. His man could be Doug Allen, who started both on the inside and outside as a rookie last year with peaks and valleys results. He has a lot of talent but he may not have the speed to play anywhere but the middle.

Dave Washington comes up with big plays but he is inconsistent. The other outside linebacker at season's end was Bo Cornell, a converted fullback whose career will be at the crossroads in this training camp.

Ruud's initial audition will be on the outside. Nelson was a middle linebacker for the Cornhuskers, but he also has possibilities as a strong-side backer.

Also available are Ted Koy and Merv Krakau, along with rookie middle man John McCrumbley, a high draftee who has a weight problem.

The key man in the defensive line is Jeff Winans, a big tough youngster who was starting at tackle when he tore up a knee in the first exhibition game. Saban hopes he can play end. If he can, the Bills' line problems will be close to solved. That means Lou won't have to switch Earl Edwards, who plays better at tackle. Mike Kadish had a big year at both tackles and nose guard. Walt Patulski isn't the terror the Bills had hoped for, but he does a competent job. Behind them are two ex knee cases, Don Croft and Jeff Yeates, plus pro sophomore Dave Means and rookies Mark Johnson and John Hill.

The strongest defensive area is the secondary, which houses two all-pros, free safety Tony Greene and corner Robert James.

Greene was his team's most valuable player last year, making big plays in every game until he was injured three weeks before the end of the season. His absence hurt badly in the playoffs. Ex Bengal Neal Craig played adequately at strong safety but second-round draftee Glenn Lott will challenge him. James' corner partner is gambling Dwight Harrison. There are a pair of veterans, Bill Cahill and Rex Kern, behind the safeties and two Mich-



MIKE KADISH (71) had a good season at tackle and nose guard for Buffalo.

igan rookies, Tom Drake and Harry Banks, behind the corners.

Place kicker John Leypoldt and punter Marv Bateman make the Bills strong in those areas but the leading punt and kickoff returners were traded, which means the rookies will get a big chance to make the roster via those routes.

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KICKOFF RETURNS—Francis, 37 for 947 yds., 25.6 Avg.	6th

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	5 ATLANTA (N)
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30	Cornell, Bo	LB	6-2	215	26	5	Washington
64	Costa, Dave	DE	6-1	250	34	13	Utah
42	Craig, Neal	S	6-1	190	27	5	Fisk
72	Croft, Don	DT	6-4	254	26	3	El Paso
68	DeLamiette, J. G.	G	6-3	245	24	3	Mich. State
73	Edwards, Earl	DT	6-7	256	29	7	Wichita St.
12	Ferguson, Joe	QB	6-1	180	25	3	Arkansas
78	Foley, Dave	T	6-3	253	27	6	Ohio St.
89	Francis, Wallace	WR	5-11	195	23	3	Ala. AM&N
88	Gant, Reuben	TE	6-4	230	23	2	Okl. State
74	Green, Donnie	T	6-7	272	27	5	Purdue
43	Greene, Tony	S	5-10	170	26	5	Maryland
76	Hagen, Halvor	T	6-6	253	28	7	Weber St.
28	Harrison, D.	CB	6-2	185	26	5	Texas A&M
47	Hastoriz, Clint	RB	6-0	189	23	2	Michigan
21	Hayman, Gary	RB	6-1	198	24	1	Penn. St.
40	Hill, J.D.	WR	6-1	190	26	5	Arizona St.
16	Hunter, Scott	QB	6-2	205	27	5	Alabama
20	James, Robert	CB	6-1	184	28	7	Fisk
51	Jarvis, Bruce	C	6-7	250	26	5	Washington
71	Kadish, Mike	DT	6-5	270	25	3	Notre Dame
45	Kern, Rex	S	6-1	190	26	5	Ohio St.
37	Koy, Ted	LB	6-2	210	27	6	Texas
52	Krakau, Merv	LB	6-2	237	24	3	Iowa St.
3	Leypoldt, John	K	6-2	237	29	5	None
17	Marangi, Gary	QB	6-1	196	23	2	Boston Col.
67	McKenzie, Reggie	G	6-4	242	25	4	Michigan
77	Means, Dave	DE	6-4	235	23	2	SW Mo. St.
53	Mentler, Mike	C	6-4	253	30	7	Colorado
65	Nichswander, N.	C	6-0	232	23	2	Morehead
61	Parker, Willie	C-G	6-3	245	25	4	N. Tex. St.
85	Patulski, Walt	DE	6-6	250	25	4	Notre Dame
24	Randolph, Al	S	6-2	205	31	10	Iowa
27	Rashad, Ahmad	WR	6-2	200	26	4	Oregon
87	Seymour, Paul	TE	6-5	243	25	3	Michigan
32	Simpson, O.J.	RB	6-1	212	28	7	So'ern Cal.
55	Skorupan, John	LB	6-2	221	23	3	Penn. St.
86	Washington, D.	LB	6-5	223	26	6	Alcorn A&M
38	Wetkins, Larry	RB	6-1	235	29	7	Alcorn A&M
75	Winans, Jeff	DT	6-5	255	23	2	So'ern Cal.
62	Yeates, Jeff	DT	6-3	240	23	2	Boston Col.
	Young, Charles	WR	6-0	183	24	1	Alfred

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Rudd, Tom	LB	6-3	223	21	Nebraska
Nelson, Bob	LB	6-4	232	21	Nebraska
Lott, Glenn	DB	6-2 1/2	201	21	Drake
Donchez, Tom	FB	6-2	216	22	Penn. St.
McCrumbley, Gil	LB	6-2	253	22	Texas A&M
Chapman, Gil	WR	5-9	182	21	Michigan
Cherry, Reggie	RB	6-1	195	21	Houston
Banks, Harry	DB	5-10	185	23	Michigan
Hill, John	DT	6-4	255	22	Duke
Hooks, Roland	RB	6-0	197	21	N.C. State
Drake, Tom	DB	5-10	176	22	Michigan
Johnson, Mark	DE	6-2	240	21	Missouri
Dienhart, Mark	G	6-2	248	21	St. Thomas
Evans, Robert	WR	6-0	185	23	Mor. Brown
Kupac, Chris	QB	6-3	199	21	No. Carolina
Fine, Tom	TE	6-5	225	21	Notre Dame
Turcotte, Jeff	DE	6-4	252	22	Colorado

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

CHUCK FAIRBANKS, Coach.
Assistants: Larrye Weaver, Hank Bullough, Ron Erhardt, Red Miller, Charlie Sumner, Jim Velek, Ray Perkins, Rollie Dotsch, John Polonchek.

PREDICTION 3rd

Not even the closest Patriot watchers, after following them for 14 games last year, really knew what kind of future this football team had once the season ended.

The first half of the Pats' season was like a New England autumn; natural beauty so profound it could bring tears to a Bostonian's eyes. The second half was like a New England winter; bitter cold and snow up to the shoulder pads.

The Pats, strangely enough, begin this season the way they began the last one. There is a lot of admiration for their offensive unit and a lot of doubt about their defense. It didn't figure to be that way. When New England went 7-1 and led the Eastern Division, it was the defense which was the talk of the league. Coach Chuck Fairbanks had gone wholeheartedly to the 3-4 defense and it was working superbly.

But in the last half of the season the defense which had allowed an average of only 15 points a game over the first seven games, surrendered points at a 26.2 rate over the last seven.

Which means there is a lot of skepticism about the future of the 3-4 as a basic defense in New England. However Fairbanks will go with it once again.

If the rest of the NFL caught up to the 3-4, there will be more pressure than ever on quarterback Jim Plunkett and his offensive colleagues. They can't afford the numbing injuries which helped take them out of the pennant race last year.

Sam Cunningham was the league's most potent fullback when he broke a leg with a month to play. Playing in only 10 games he still ran for 811 yards, caught 22 passes for 214 yards and scored 11 touchdowns.

Starting tight end Bob Wind-



MACK HERRON (42), New England's mini running back, takes handoff from QB JIM PLUNKETT and heads for some of 824 yards he amassed last season.

sor was lost for the season when he tore ligaments in his knee while catching the winning touchdown pass against Minnesota in the seventh game of the season.

All three wide receivers, Reggie Rucker, Darryl Stingley and Randy Vataha suffered disabling injuries.

Plunkett himself didn't miss any games, but he was below par in several due to a thigh injury.

In spite of all that, the Patriots put 348 points on the scoreboard, a figure surpassed only by Oakland's 355 in the entire National League.

There is a potential for even more scoring in '75. The reason

is that the Patriot offensive stars are mere kids. Cunningham is in his third season. So is Stingley. Most of linemen are third-and-fourth year players. Plunkett has only four year's experience.

The big quarterback passed for 2457 yards last year, 100 less than the previous season. But he was working with a much more balanced offense. His touchdown pass total went up by six, from 13 to 19. He was a much smarter, patient and poised quarterback than he has ever been.

In 1975, the Pats could be a playoff team on the basis of Plunkett's improvement alone.

The quarterbacking eggs are

certainly all in his basket. Dick Shiner got to throw only six balls last season and Neil Graff one.

Everything Cunningham did, with the possible exception of his strong blocking, was an improvement over his rookie performance of '73. None was more heartening to Fairbanks than his cut-down on fumbles. In fact the Pats as a team dropped from a demoralizing figure of 51 in 1973 to 26 last year.

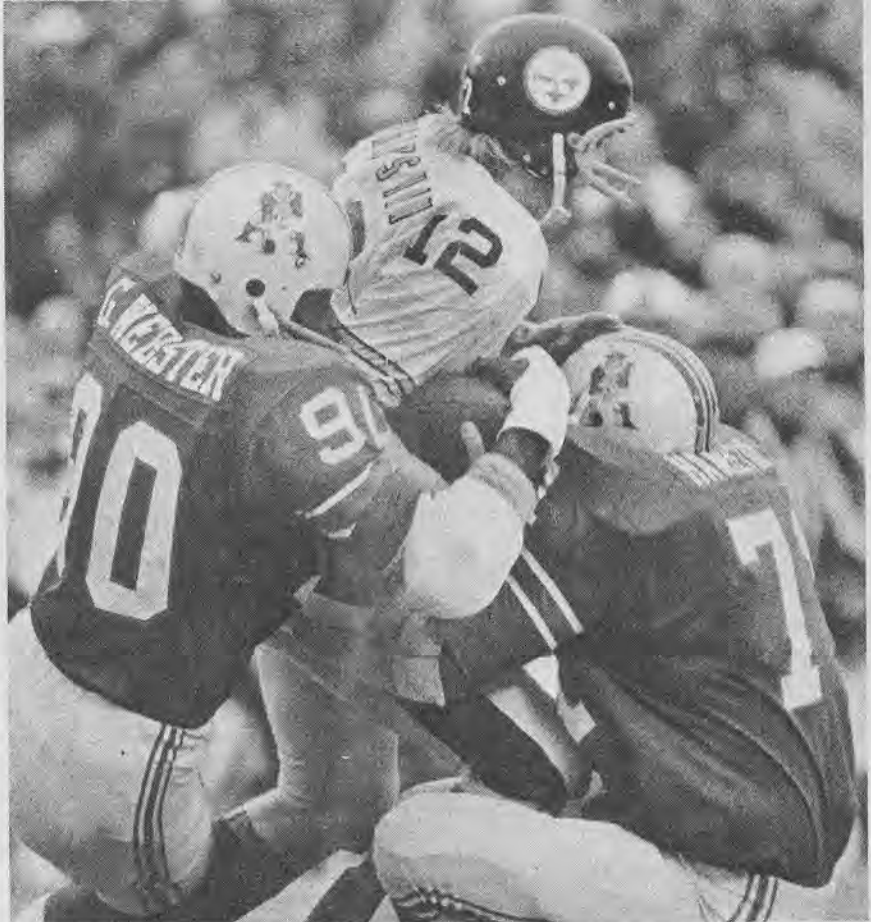
Just as vital as the performance of Cunningham, was the contribution of tiny Mack Herron, the dynamite back of 5-5 who ran 231 times for 824 yards, caught 38 passes for 474 more, and returned 28 kickoffs for 629 more.

Without Herron, the Pats wouldn't have come close to a 7-7 season. He didn't make the Pro Bowl squad, but he should have.

What Fairbanks has to do to get a repeat of Herron's season is to find an adequate backup who can give Mack an occasional rest. The quality of performance dips too much when John Ashton or Andy Johnson play, so it may be up to an unheralded rookie, Allen Carter, who was Anthony Davis' back-up at Southern California last year. He still managed 580 yards as a senior, second to Davis' total. He has 4.4 speed for the 40 and carries 208 pounds on a 5-11 frame.

During the off-season, Rucker was traded to Cleveland for a draft choice. Some of his Patriot teammates see it as an ill-advised move. It's obvious there was a personality clash between Rucker and some of his coaches. It may be a case of spiting face by cutting off nose. In any case, the starting wide receivers will be Stingley and Randy Vataha, two skilled catchers, neither of whom has established himself as THE bread-and-butter receiver. Behind them is Steve Schubert, another knee case last year. There were two notable rookies taken in the draft, Steve Burke of Arkansas State and little Lawrence Williams of Texas Tech, Burks, 6-5, may also do the punting.

Fairbanks has most of his line rebuilt last year. Bill Lenkaitis, who had been kicking around for



GEORGE WEBSTER (90), Patriots linebacker, and nose guard RAY HAMILTON (71) put the sack on Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback TERRY BRADSHAW.

several years, became a stable center. Sam Adams, always known as a guard who might be able to do it, suddenly did do it. Leon Gray, a Miami reject, became a sound tackle.

Anchoring the unit is John Hannah, the wide guard who should be in the Pro Bowl class soon. The other tackle is veteran Tom Neville.

Guard Bill DuLac and center Jon Morris are the top reserves. The only drafted offensive lineman was Mike Horton of UCLA, who was plucked on the final round.

There could be movement at tight end. Bob Adams finished the season there when Windsor got hurt. Now both will be challenged by huge Russ Francis, the No. 1 draftee and ex Saint John Beasley.

Francis dropped out of college before last season and wrestled as a pro. Despite that, there are scouts who think he'll either walk right into a start as the Pats' tight end or move over and win regular work as an offensive tackle.

The front line of the 3-4 has to operate with quick, strong and

durable players. In the view of most Patriot opponents, Fairbanks has only one man on his veteran roster who has all three qualities—end Julius Adams. But among nose guards Ray Hamilton and Arthur Moore and ends Tony McGee and Mel Lunsford, the job was somehow accomplished. McGee has a WFL commitment, however.

The draft might have brought help in the person of Pete Cusick, the super-strong, quick tackle from Ohio State. The hope in New England is that he'll do for the Patriots as a middle guard what Curley Culp did for Houston. Drafted further down the list were Matt Kendon of Idaho State and Joe Harvey of Northern Michigan.

Two rookies started in the linebacking quartet and both of them—Steve Nelson and Sam Hunt—distinguished themselves. Hunt was a 15th-round choice, an inconsistent player in college but a hitter. He found consistency in the pros and retained his headhunter reputation. Nelson could be moved to the outside if Fairbanks decides to keep Rod



JOHN SMITH (1), left-footed kicker, is ready to boot one of his 16 FGs during 1974 season; NEIL GRAFF is holder.

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Francis, Russ	TE	6-5	240	22	Oregon
Shoate, Rod	LB	6-1	211	22	Oklahoma
Cusick, Pete	DT	6-4	255	23	Ohio St.
Carter, Allen	RB	5-11	208	23	So'ern Cal.
Burks, Steve	WR/P	6-5	211	22	Arkansas St.
Grogan, Steve	QB	6-4	200	22	Kansas St.
Freeman, Steve	DB	5-11	178	22	Miss. State
Williams, L.	WR	5-10	176	22	Texas Tech
Garnett, Rene	DB	5-9	168	22	Idaho St.
Kendon, Matt	DT	6-5	250	24	Idaho St.
Holloway, C.	DE	5-9	175	21	Tennessee
Harvey, Joe	DE	6-4	256	22	N. Michigan
Gossom, Tom	WR	5-11	184	24	Auburn
Clayton, Don	DB	6-2	204	23	Murray St.
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NEW YORK JETS

CHARLEY WINNER, Coach.

Assistants: Ken Shipp, Bob Fry, Jim Spavital, Bud Ryan, Dick Voris, Sam Rutigliano.

PREDICTION 4th

Jet fans came away from the 1974 football season with visions of the next year's play-offs dancing in their heads.

Then, all spring, they thought they might hear things like this when they tuned in their radio to the Jets' network in 1975:

"The Jets break out of the huddle, take their positions at the line of scrimmage and quarterback Bill Demory barks signals."

Or

"He's back to pass . . . The Jets' offensive line is battling to protect him . . . Richard Caster breaks into the open and the New York quarterback, J. J. Johnson, attempts to connect with him."

Bill Demory? J. J. Johnson?

Where does Joe Namath stand?

That's what the New York management wanted to know all spring and winter. Namath played out his option, considered a \$4 million offer from the World Football League and another of \$1 million from the Jets. He was in an admirable position. His old

team, with Joe throwing at his best, finished the season with a 6-game winning streak. If they had beaten Buffalo in tornado-like conditions in Buffalo early in the season (the Bills won, 16-12), the Jets and not the Bills would have made the playoffs as the AFC wild card team.

The Jets' first-half performance indicated that this is really not a very good football team. With Namath performing so-so, they were 1-7 midway in the season. The Jets, without him, belong with San Diego, Cleveland, the Bears and, God Forbid, the Giants.

But when Joe is throwing well, anything is possible.

The trouble is that New York does not have much behind him. His backup, Al Woodall, played out his option, but even if Woodall is the quarterback, the Jets move up only a slight notch above the team when it is controlled by Demory or Jackson, two unproven kids.

Namath threw for 2616 yards and 20 touchdown passes, both second high in the NFL. His 52.9 completion percentage was the

highest of his career. His 191 completions were the most he's thrown since 1967.

Perhaps the most significant figure was the mere five interceptions he threw during the 6-game winning streak. In the previous 8 games he threw 17 interceptions.

The Jets aren't the same without him—artistically or spiritually.

Namath put more balance into the Jet passing attack last year than ever before, mainly because he's never had three receivers like he has now. He had two great wide receivers on the Jets' Super Bowl team—Don Maynard and George Sauer Jr.—but not three.

Tight end Richard Caster and wide receivers Jerome Barkum and David Knight caught 119 passes among them. Barkum led with 41 receptions for 524 yards and three touchdowns. Knight, the youngster who runs such precise patterns, was second with 40 catches for 579 yards and four touchdowns. Caster, selected for his second Pro Bowl, led the team in touchdowns with seven; yard-

DAVID KNIGHT, Jets wide receiver, grabbed 40 passes for 579 yards.

RICH CASTER, tall tight end, was Jets TD leader with seven in 1974.

JEROME BARKUM was New York's top pass catcher with 41 receptions.



age, with 745; and per-catch average, 19.6.

One-time starter Eddie Bell is the leading reserve at wide receiver with hard-blocking Willie Brister teaming with Caster when Coach Charley Winner wants to use the double tight end.

But the really exciting news could come in the future if the Jets succeed in signing James Scott. Scott, who went from Henderson Jr. College to the WFL Chicago Fire last year, caught 52 passes and scored 8 touchdowns for the Chicago Fire before tearing knee ligaments in the ninth week of the season.

Jim Spavital, the Fire's head coach, is now an assistant on Winner's staff. He says Scott "has the potential to become another Paul Warfield."

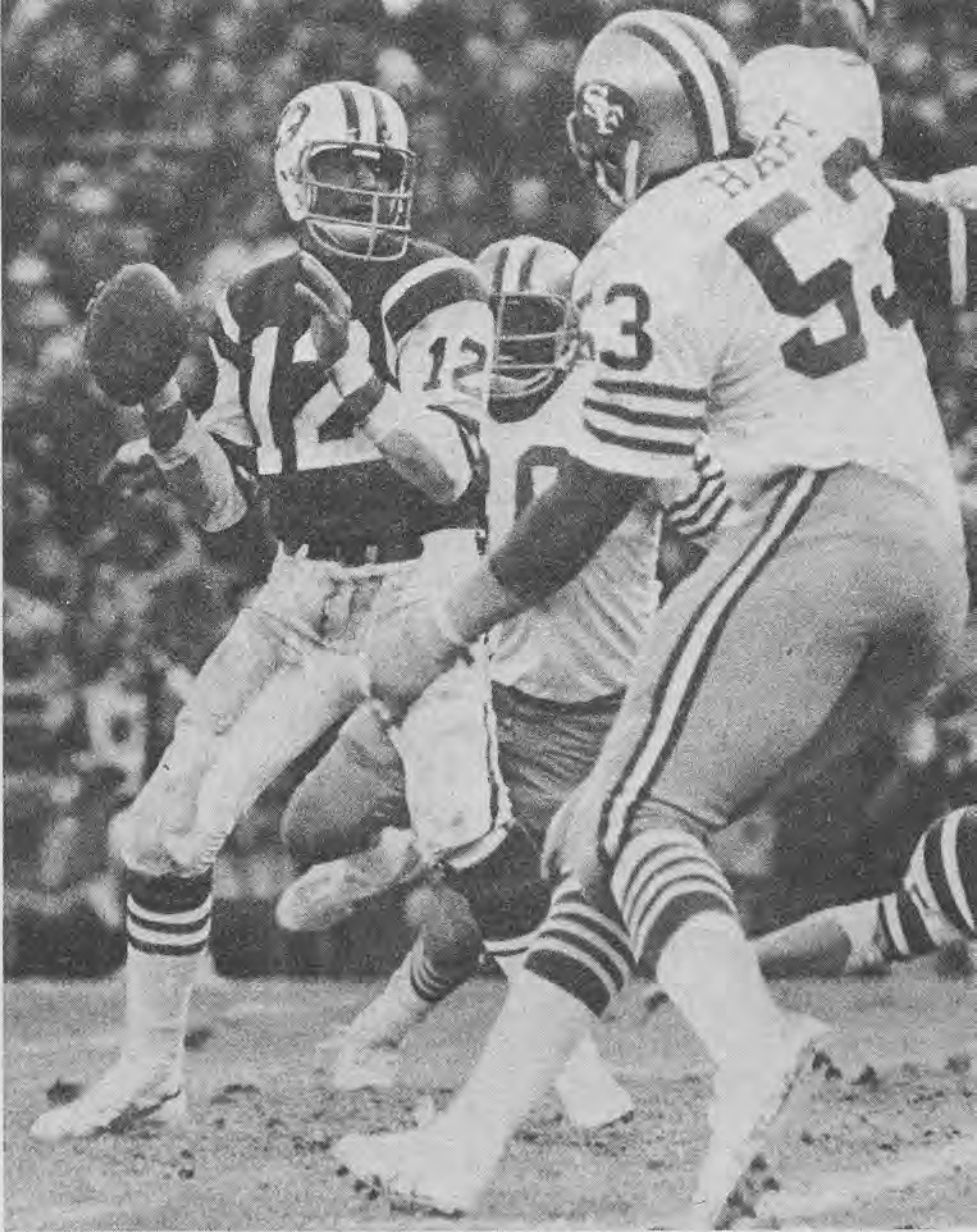
With Namath passing holes in opposing defenses, there are all sorts of opportunities for good running backs. The problem is that the Jets' two, John Riggins and Emerson Boozer, are questionable. Riggins is a puzzle because no one knows what attitude he'll bring to New York from season to season. He wanted to play football last year and, except for sitting out four games with a shoulder injury, he played it well, running for 680 yards.

Boozer can be counted on every season, as long as he is physically able. The rub is that he is 32. Last year he rushed for 563 yards.

Behind Riggins there is little. Mike Adamle, Bob Burns, Hank Bjorklund and Jazz Jackson are all journeymen. The first runner signed in the draft was Jon Bradford of Central Ohio, who was taken in the 11th round. USC All-America Anthony Davis signed with the WFL.

The Jet offensive line is deficient in several departments, but it does one thing as well as most lines in football—protect the quarterback. With Joe Namath playing quarterback behind them, that virtue can cancel out a multitude of sins. Last year they allowed Jet quarterbacks to be sacked only 19 times. Only World champion Pittsburgh had a better record.

Winner wants more this year. He has instructed his line coach,



JOE NAMATH, the rifle-armed, gimpy-legged quarterback, gave the Jets big hopes for 1975 by pacing them to victories in last 6 games of 1974.

Bob Fry, to work on getting bigger holes for the runners, something the Jets haven't seen in a long time.

Winston Hill, still a superb pass blocker at 32, and young Robert Woods are the tackles. Randy Rasmussen, who grades higher than any of his colleagues, is a certainty at one guard but if Gary Puetz can't get out of his WFL commitment there is trouble on the other side. To make sure their cupboard wasn't bare, the Jets drafted Joe Wysock of Miami, Fla., and Tom Alward of Nebraska. Ex Steeler Roger Bernhardt and ex Viking Milt Sunde are other possibilities.

Ex Cardinal Wayne Mulligan starts at center. The reserves include well-traveled Howard Kin-

dig, Warren Koegel, both centers, guard Travis Roach and tackle Gordie Browne, a high draft choice who was a rookie disappointment.

It's on defense where the Jets will do the most changing. Winner could go into the new season with two new defensive linemen, two new linebackers and, possibly, one change in the secondary.

Winner traded two of his first four draft choices for veteran defensive linemen. The Jets went that route two years ago and got two current defensive starters—corner Delles Howell and end Richard Neal.

This time they traded their first-round choice to New Orleans for Billy Newsome, who will be an immediate starter at



JOHN RIGGINS rushed for 680 yards and five TDs for Jets last season.

end. If Newsome gives New York the kind of football he gave the Baltimore Colts a few years ago when they were winning, the Jets will be happy with the deal.

Winner then swapped his fourth-round pick to the Colts for veteran tackle Jim Bailey. Bailey was a superior prospect three or four years ago, then seemed to stop playing as the Colts went into a decline.

Newsome (6-5 and 260) and Bailey (6-6 and 255) give Winner the kind of size he has been seeking for the Jets defense.

The upgrading in skill and size began last year when first-round draftee Carl Barzilauskas gave the Jets superior tackle play almost from the day he stepped into the lineup. At 6-6 and 280, Barzo polices the middle. Neal will have to beat off Mark Lomas if the latter gets out of his WFL commitment.

The idea is to have Barzo occupy blockers while Newsome and others try to pump up the Jets' anemic pass rush.

Behind the first group are veterans Joe Scheising, John Little, Larry Woods and, if he gets free of his WFL commitment, Ed Galigher. The top challenger, however, could be John Ricca, a big end who escaped from the WFL's Florida Blazers.

Jamie Rivers, the ex Cardinal who won the starting middle line-

backer job last year, is the sole Jet backer reasonably sure of his job this year.

The incumbents on the outside, Ralph Baker and John Ebersole, must get ready for the big push. One push is sure to come from Godwin Turk, the tough youngster who made a big impression last summer, then dislocated his shoulder and missed the season. Another may come from Rich Lewis, claimed from the Bills late in the season. He has big trouble with the law, however. Push No. 3 could come from rookie Richard Wood, one of Southern California's all-time stars.

There could be other pushers. Florida State's Bert Cooper is considered a sleeper and may challenge veteran Al Atkinson for the No. 2 job in the middle. Bill Ferguson signed with the WFL but may get free of his contract. Gary Baccus, a WFL star last year, may push harder than anyone.

The most settled positions in the secondary are strong safety, where Burgess Owen could become a star, and corner back,

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Caster, 42 points on 7 passes for TDs	22nd
RUSHING —Riggins, 169 carries for 680 yds., 4.0 Avg., 5 TDs	10th
PASSING —Namath, 191 of 361 attempts for 2616 yds., 20 TDs	6th
RECEIVING —Barkum, 41 receptions for 524 yds., 3 TDs	7th
INTERCEPTIONS —Owens, 3 for 68 yds., 22.7 Avg., 1 TD	23rd
PUNTING —Gantt, 75 punts, 35.9 Avg., longest 59 yds.	14th
PUNT RETURNS —Word, 38 for 301 yds., 7.9 Avg.	15th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Piccone, 39 for 961 yds., 24.6 Avg.	8th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	9 AT Minnesota (N)
	16 AT St. Louis (N)
	24 N.Y. Giants at New Haven
	30 AT Atlanta (N)
Sept.	7 AT Washington (N)
	14 New England (NH, Conn.)

1975 SCHEDULE

		1974 Scores
Sept.	21 AT Buffalo	12-16
	28 AT Kansas City	16-24
Oct.	5 NEW ENGLAND	0-24
	12 AT Minnesota	—
	19 MIAMI	17-14
	26 BALTIMORE	20-35
Nov.	2 BUFFALO	20-10
	9 AT Miami	17-21
	16 AT Baltimore	45-38
	23 ST LOUIS	—
	30 PITTSBURGH	—
Dec.	7 AT New England	21-16
	15 AT San Diego	27-14
	21 DALLAS	—

where swift Rosecoe Word unseated Earlie Thomas last year. Delles Howell and Rich Sowells battle rookies Ed Taylor and Charles James at the other corner. Phil Wise fights his annual battle with Steve Tannen at free safety.

Place kicker Bobby Howfield was true on six of his first seven kicks last year, then hurt a leg. He was replaced by Pat Leahy, whom he'll battle along with ex WFL star Moses Lajterman.

JETS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
1	Adamle, Mike	RB	5-9	193	25	5	Nor'western
26	Adkins, M.	WR	5-10	183	28	5	Henderson
62	Atkinson, Al	LB	6-2	230	32	11	Villanova
76	Bailey, Jim	DT	6-6	255	27	6	Kansas
51	Baker, Ralph	LB	6-3	228	33	12	Penn St.
83	Barkum, J.	WR	6-4	212	25	4	Jackson St.
77	Barzilauskas, C.	DT	6-6	280	24	2	Indiana
7	Bell, Ed	WR	5-10	160	27	6	Idaho St.
68	Bernhardt, Roger	G	6-4	244	25	2	Kansas
40	Bjorklund, Hank	RB	6-1	200	25	4	Princeton
23	Bond, Jerry	S	6-3	210	26	1	Weber St.
32	Boozler, E.	RB	5-11	205	32	10	Mo. E.Sh.
86	Brister, Willie	TE	6-4	236	23	2	Southern
39	Browne, Gordie	T	6-5	265	23	2	Boston Col.
88	Burns, Bob	RB	6-3	212	23	2	Georgia
88	Caster, Richard	TE	6-5	228	26	6	Jackson St.
90	Collins, Ed*	WR	6-0	190	23	1	Rice
6	Demory, Bill	QB	6-2	195	24	3	Arizona
55	Ebersole, John	LB	6-3	235	26	6	Penn St.
58	Ferguson, Bill	LB	6-3	225	24	3	S. Diego St.
85	Galigher, Ed	DE	6-4	260	24	4	UCLA
8	Gantt, Greg	P-K	5-11	188	23	2	Alabama
75	Hill, Winston	T	6-4	280	33	13	Texas So.
20	Howell, Dales	CB	6-4	200	27	6	Grambling
3	Howfield, Bobby	K	5-9	180	38	8	None
43	Jackson, Jazz	RB	5-8	167	23	2	West Ky.
11	Jones, John	QB	6-1	195	23	1	Fisk
58	Keating, Dennis	LB	6-2	220	25	1	Mass.
59	Kindig, Howard	C	6-6	280	34	10	Cal. St.-L.A.
53	Koegel, Warren	C	6-2	260	25	4	Penn St.
82	Knight, David	WR	6-1	182	24	3	Wm. & Mary
5	Leahy, Pat	K	6-0	200	25	2	St. Louis U.
53	Lewis, Richard	LB	6-2	215	23	4	Portland
57	Little, John	DE-DT	6-3	250	28	6	Okl. St.
84	Lomas, Mark	DE	6-4	280	27	6	No. Arizona
50	Mulligan, Wayne	C	6-3	250	28	6	Clemson
12	Namath, Joe	QB	6-2	200	32	11	Alabama
81	Neal, Richard	DT-DE	6-3	260	27	7	Southern
87	Newsome, Billy	DE	6-5	260	27	7	Grambling
22	Owens, Burgess	SS	6-2	200	24	3	Miami, Fla.
37	Owens, Marv	WR	5-11	205	25	2	S. Diego St.
89	Piccone, Lou	WR	5-9	175	26	2	W. Liberty
25	Prout, Bob	S	6-1	190	23	2	Knox
78	Puetz, Garry	G	6-3	255	23	3	Valparaiso
66	Rasmussen, R.	G	6-2	267	30	9	Kearney St.
52	Reese, Steve	LB	6-2	232	23	2	Louisville
44	Riggins, John	RB	6-2	230	26	5	Kansas
54	Rivers, Jamie	LB	6-2	245	29	8	Bowl. Green
63	Roach, Travis	G	6-2	260	25	2	Texas
71	Roberts, Gerry*	DE	6-5	236	24	1	UCLA
74	Schmiesing, Rich	DE	6-14	256	30	8	N. Mex. St.
46	Sowells, DT	CB	6-0	185	26	5	Alcorn A&M
17	Steele, Larry	P	5-10	182	25	1	Santa Rosa
	Sunde, Milt	G	6-2	250	33	12	Minnesota
21	Tannen, Steve	S-CB	6-1	194	27	6	Florida
45	Thomas, Earlie	CB	6-1	190	29	6	Colo. St.
56	Turk, Godwin	LB	6-3	230	24	2	Southern
35	Williams, James	RB	6-0	220	25	1	Cameron
27	Wise, Phil	FS	6-0	190	26	5	Omaha
18	Woodall, Al	QB	6-5	194	29	7	Duke
70	Woods, Larry	DT	6-6	270	27	6	Tenn. St.
72	Woods, Robert	T	6-3	255	25	3	Tenn. St.
47	Word, Roscoe	CB	5-11	170	22	2	Jackson St.

*Duplicate Number

*Collins active pre-season with Baltimore; Roberts with Miami; Williams with Washington.

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
61	Alward, Tom	G	6-3	241	22	Nebraska
86	Bartoszek, Mike	TE	6-4	220	22	Ohio St.
34	Bradford, Jon	RB	6-1	210	24	Central (O)
42	Clowers, Larry	DB	6-2	195	24	Southern
59	Cooper, Bert	LB	6-1	235	23	Florida
28	Davis, Anthony	RB	5-8	180	23	So. Calif.
65	Fields, Joe	C	6-2	250	21	Widener
24	James, Charles	CB	5-11	185	24	Jackson St.
9	Lajterman, Moses	K	5-9	180	22	Montclair
60	Manor, Brison	DT-T	6-4	245	23	Arkansas
80	Scott, James	WR	6-0	185	23	Henderson
73	Spivey, Dan	DT-T	6-6	253	22	Georgia
38	Taylor, Ed	CB	6-0	170	22	Memphis St.
67	Wells, Greg	T-G	6-4	237	21	Albany St.
52	Wood, Richard	LB	6-2	215	21	So. Calif.
64	Wysock, Joe	G	6-4	250	23	Miami, Fla.



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PREDICTION 5th

The patience of the Colt fan is waning. The biggest crowd in Memorial Stadium, where John Unitas used to draw capacity merely by showing up, was 43,553. Three times there were crowds of less than 40,000.

When Joe Thomas arrived on the scene as general manager in 1972, he promised to tear down a decaying team and rebuild it into a champion. He produced on the first part of his vow. The Baltimore fans are waiting for the other shoe to drop.

This team, which won the Super Bowl a year before Thomas became vice president and general manager, had its worst record in history, 2-12, last year. The pressure is on Thomas to show some improvement, big improvement.

Thomas thinks he has assembled a young defense which has big capabilities. The offense, though, is another story. In eight games last year the Colts scored one or fewer touchdowns. They were shut out twice. Their quarterbacks were sacked a demoralizing 48 times.

Thomas, who had replaced

Howard Schnellenberger as head coach early in the season, saw the need to replace himself as coach with someone who knew how to advance the ball into the other team's end zone. The man he hired is Ted Marchibroda, the quiet and cool offensive co-ordinator for George Allen in Washington and Los Angeles.

Marchibroda wasn't just handed the team and expected to make chicken salad out of chicken pickins. Thomas dealt and drafted the Colts into an improved offense line, which is the most important thing that can happen to Bert Jones, the bright young quarterback.

Jones' progress with the Colts in the last two years has been retarded by the weakness of his blocking. Bert has the arm and the courage, but week after week of 260-pound ends and tackles hanging around his neck have bruised his morale. On a leaderless team like the Colts that's fatal.

So Thomas made three vital moves which should give Marchibroda and Jones some operating room. His first was the swap the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft (a legacy of the Colts' shoddy won-

lost record) to Atlanta for George Kunz, the Falcons' fine offensive tackle, and Atlanta's No. 1 pick.

With Atlanta's first-round choice, Thomas was able to draft the best offensive lineman in college football last year, guard Ken Huff of North Carolina.

After that, Thomas dealt with Pittsburgh to acquire the rights to Ed George, probably the best offensive lineman in the Canadian Football League. George was signed to a long-term, lucrative contract and will be installed at left tackle.

Given that nucleus, Marchibroda might change the pacifist complexion of Baltimore's offense.

Marchibroda has to work on the assumption that everything for Jones from now on is downhill. Otherwise the Colts would be stuck with Marty Domres, who has demonstrated in the last six years that he isn't good enough to play regularly in the NFL. Behind him is Steve Joachim, a rookie who had a spectacular record at Temple but whom most pro scouts say doesn't have a major league arm.

Baltimore's principal offensive weapon in the last two years was

DON McCAULEY, a journeyman, gives the Colts depth at running back.



BERT JONES has the potential to be one of NFL's finest quarterbacks.



LYDELL MITCHELL set pass catching record for backs with 72 in 1974.





TIM BERRA, son of renowned Yogi Berra, is Colts receiver.



MIKE CURTIS, hard-nosed, veteran Baltimore linebacker, virtually decapitates a rival player with vicious tackle.

Lydell Mitchell, the hard-working running back. Mitchell led the Colts in rushing with 727 yards and set an NFL reception record for running backs with 72. Marchibroda likes the way Mitchell runs but he says 72 catches by a back is too much, even though Marchy loves to have his passes connect with backs. What Ted desires is to see the wide receivers more involved in the offense.

Bill Olds is Mitchell's partner and he's been so-so. The Colts have been looking for a big, power-running fullback who can block. Last year they lost Ed Shuttleworth to the Canadian League. This year they took a shot at Texas' Roosevelt Leaks, a fabulous prospect until he tore up a knee. They drafted him with their fingers crossed.

For depth there is Don McCauley, a journeyman, and Joe Orduna who has been a flop in the pros. Rookie Marshall Johnson of Houston has more speed than almost any Colt back and so does ex Redskin Herb Mul-Key. Also on the rookie list is an enormous Colorado State fullback, Kim Jones; Mario Cage of Northwestern Louisiana and John Goodie of Langston.

Marchibroda hopes two kids, Roger Carr and Freddie Scott, develop quickly as wide receivers. Carr, a first-round draftee last year, played like a sprinter for half the season then exploded for a 19.3 per-catch average on 21 receptions. Scott caught 18 for

17.6. Behind them are former starter Glenn Doughty and seldom-used Ollie Smith and Tim Berra. Little Don Westbrook of Nebraska caught seven scoring passes last fall.

Thomas has been puzzled over the poor performance of tight end Raymond Chester ever since he traded Bubba Smith for him. But then Chester came on fast toward the end of last season with 37 catches for 461 yards. He could be Jones' best friend.

The depth is good, with John Andrews, Ron Mayo and Michigan rookie Greg DenBoer.

The left side of the offensive line will be George at tackle and Huff at guard. Kunz will be the right tackle. Ex 49er Elmer Collett plays right guard. The Colts would like to improve on Ken Mendenhall at center.

Depth includes Dennis Nelson, David Taylor and Gery Palmer at tackle, Bob Pratt and Dan Neal at center.

Defensively the Colts are in much better shape than 2-12 would indicate. Thomas has keyed his drafting to that unit for the last few years and it should bear results soon. Last year two starting ends, John Dutton and Fred Cook, made the all-rookie team.

Colts could have one of the better young defensive lines IF:

1. Tackle Joe Ehrmann can avoid the foot injuries which have plagued him for two seasons. Healthy, Ehrmann might climb into the all-pro class.

JOE EHRRMANN, Colts DT, hopes to avoid foot injuries this season.



2. Cook puts on weight and gains strength. Some teams thought he should be converted to linebacker when he came out of college, but he's on a weight-lifting program now. He has the meager sack total of 21.

The fourth starter is Bill Windauer, whom the Colts think is an underrated tackle. Mike Barnes is the best reserve. He's started at end before and also played tackle. The best rookies are two highly-touted tackles, Dave Pear of Washington and Paul Linford of Brigham Young.

Pear was the Huskies' most valuable player last year. He is not a tall tackle, 6-2, but he's quick and strong. The Colts drafted him on the third round. Linford is a biggie, 6-5 and 265, and reputedly strong against the run.

Linebacking is Baltimore's most experienced asset.

If Mike Curtis is not the finest middle man in football, as the Colts claim, he can't be worse than second or third. Mad Mike can turn a game around with a big play, intimidate an opponent and fire up his teammates. Marchibroda is hoping he does all three again this year.

When Thomas reached an impasse with Ted Hendricks last year and the big guy signed a future contract with the WFL, the tall all-pro was shipped to Green Bay in exchange for Tom MacLeod. MacLeod isn't Hendricks, of course, but he was a highly competent linebacker. Stan White does an adequate job on the other side.

The depth is not too exciting. Dan Dickel, Danny Rhodes and Tony Bertuca have a little experience. Baylor's Derrel Luce was the highest drafted rookie (seventh round) and they also took Iowa State's most valuable player, Brad Storm.

The only really solid player in the secondary is corner Nelson Munsey, and he's never been a serious candidate for the Pro Bowl.

Rick Volk, once the leader back deep, is an aging free safety and his disappearing speed may be viewed as a liability which won't be overcome by experience. Bruce Laird, the strong safety, comes off another un-



TONI LINHART has no competition for Baltimore's place-kicking job.

steady season. Marchibroda still thinks he can be a top player.

Doug Nettles will be pressed to beat off the challenge of rookie Mike Washington of Alabama at the other corner. The reserves are lightly-experienced Ray Oldham and Randy Hall and Kentucky

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Linhart, 58 points on 22 XP, 12 field goals 17th
RUSHING —Mitchell, 214 carries for 757 yds. 3.5 Avg., 5 TDs 8th
PASSING —Jones, 143 of 270 attempts for 1610 yds., 8 TDs 10th
RECEIVING —Mitchell, 72 receptions for 544 yds., 2 TDs 1st
INTERCEPTIONS —Curtis, 3 for 24 yds., 8.0 Avg. 32nd
PUNTING —Lee, 71 punts, 37.1 Avg., longest 58 yds. 12th
PUNT RETURNS —Berra, 16 for 114 yds., 7.1 Avg. 16th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Laird, Bruce, 19 for 499 yds., 26.3 Avg. 4th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 AT Denver (N)
16 AT Atlanta (N)
22 PITTSBURGH (N)
30 AT New Orleans (N)
Sept. 8 AT Houston (N)
12 WASHINGTON (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 AT Chicago	—
28 OAKLAND	—
Oct. 5 AT Los Angeles	—
12 BUFFALO	14-27
19 AT New England	3-42
26 AT N.Y. Jets	35-20
Nov. 2 CLEVELAND	—
9 AT Buffalo	0-6
16 N.Y. JETS	38-45
23 AT Miami	7-17
30 KANSAS CITY	—
Dec. 7 AT N.Y. Giants	—
14 MIAMI	16-17
21 NEW ENGLAND	17-27

State rookie Royce McKinney.

Austrian sidewinder Toni Linhart has the place-kicking job to himself. He was 12 for 19 in field goals, but just 4 for 11 from beyond the 30.

David Lee continued to slump as a punter, but he should be able to beat off rookie Phil Wagenheim of Maryland.

Laird used to be one of the NFL's super punt and kickoff returners, but hasn't done much lately. Berra became the punt return specialist late in the season.

Marchibroda put more emphasis on the special teams by hiring the first special teams coach in the team's history.

COLTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs.	College
36	Andrews, John	TE	6-3	227	26	4	Indiana
63	Barnes, Mike	DE	6-6	255	24	3	Miami (Fla.)
84	Berra, Tim	WR	5-11	185	23	2	Mass.
51	Bertuca, Tony	LB	6-2	225	25	2	Chico St.
81	Carr, Roger	WR	6-3	200	23	2	La. Tech.
87	Chester, R.	TE	6-4	235	27	6	Morgan St.
66	Collett, Elmer	G	6-4	240	30	9	S. Fran. St.
72	Cook, Fred	DE	6-3	235	23	2	So.ern Miss.
32	Curtis, Mike	LB	6-2	232	32	11	Duke
55	Dickel, Dan	LB	6-3	220	23	2	Iowa
14	Domras, Marty	QB	6-4	222	28	7	Columbia
35	Doughty, Glenn	WR	6-2	204	24	4	Michigan
78	Dutton, John	DE	6-6	260	24	2	Nebraska
76	Ehrmann, Joe	DT	6-5	260	26	3	Syracuse
	George, Ed	OT	6-4	285	28	5	Wake Forest
33	Hall, Randy	QB	6-3	185	23	2	Idaho
7	Jones, Bert	QB	6-3	205	23	3	LSU
	Kunz, George	TE	6-6	268	28	7	Notre Dame
40	Laird, Bruce	S	6-0	185	25	4	Amer. Int'l.
49	Lee, David	P	6-4	230	31	10	La. Tech.
2	Linhart, Toni	K	5-11	178	33	3	Vienna Aust.
52	MacLeod, Tom	LB	6-3	230	24	3	Minnesota
83	Mayo, Ron	TE	6-3	223	24	3	Morgan St.
23	McCauley, Don	RB	6-1	214	26	5	No. Carolina
57	Mendenhall, Ken	RB	5-8	235	27	4	Oklahoma
26	Mitchell, Lydell	RB	5-11	204	26	4	Penn St.
28	Mul-Key, Herb	RB	6-0	190	25	4	No college
31	Munsey, Nelson	CB	6-1	185	27	4	Wyoming
50	Neel, Dan	CB	6-4	240	26	3	Kentucky
68	Nelson, Dennis	CB	6-5	260	29	6	Illinois St.
30	Nettles, Doug	CB	6-0	177	24	2	Vanderbilt
29	Oldham, Ray	CB	6-0	200	24	3	Middle Tenn.
38	Olds, Bill	RB	6-1	224	24	3	Nebraska
37	Orduna, Joe	RB	6-0	195	26	4	Nebraska
	Palmer, Gerry	TE	6-4	255	24	2	Kansas
61	Pratt, Robert	LB	6-3	220	24	2	No. Carolina
56	Rhodes, Danny	LB	6-2	220	24	2	Arkansas
43	Rudnick, Tim	DB	5-10	175	23	2	Notre Dame
86	Scott, Freddie	WR	6-2	248	23	1	Amerst.
60	Simonson, Dave	TE	6-8	248	23	2	Minnesota
80	Smith, Ollie	WR	6-2	195	26	3	Tenn. State
84	Taylor, David	TE	6-4	254	25	2	Catswbs
12	Troup, Billy	QB	6-3	220	24	2	So. Carolina
57	Van Duyn, Bob	G	6-5	235	23	6	Idaho
21	Volk, Rick	LB	6-3	195	30	6	Michigan
53	White, Stan	DE	6-1	225	25	4	Ohio St.
74	Williams, Steve	DE	6-6	260	24	2	W. Carolina
65	Windauer, Bill	DT	6-3	245	25	3	Iowa

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Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Huff, Ken	G	6-4	260	22	No. Carolina
Washington, M.	DB	6-3	190	22	Alabama
Pear, Dave	DT	6-2	250	21	Washington
Johnson, M.	RB	6-1	191	21	Houston
Linford, Paul	TE	6-5	265	21	Brig. Young
Leake, Roosevelt	FB	5-11	225	22	Texas
Westbrook, Don	WR	5-10	185	23	Nebraska
Jones, Kim	FB	6-4	238	23	Colorado St.
Joachim, Steve	QB	6-3	215	22	Temple
Luce, Derrel	LB	6-3	220	22	Baylor
Bushong, John	DE	6-4	235	23	Western Ky.
DenBoer, Greg	TE	6-6	235	21	Michigan
Cage, Mario	RB	6-0	195	21	NW La. St.
McKinney, Royce	DB	6-1	190	21	Kentucky St.
Wagenheim, Phil	P	6-0	180	22	Maryland
Hazel, Dave	WR	6-1	190	22	Ohio St.
Starm, Brad	LB	6-2	235	21	Iowa St.
Roman, John	G	6-4	230	22	Idaho St.
Smith, Mike	C	6-3	235	23	SMU
Goodie, John	FB	6-3	235	23	Langston
Evavold, Mike	DT	6-5	270	22	Macalester
Smith, Bob	DB	6-1	195	21	Maryland
McKnight, David	LB	6-3	230	21	Georgia
Bengard, Mike	DE	6-4	245	22	NW Iowa
Russell, Frank	WR	6-0	180	21	Maryland



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OAKLAND RAIDERS

PREDICTION 1st

One time last season, in the midst of the Oakland Raiders' 9-game winning streak, some admiring writers were not content to let the team's won-lost record speak for itself. The experts felt it was necessary to crown the Raiders right then as "the finest team in professional football."

Even the Miami Dolphins were willing to add their own endorsement to that designation last December, when the Raiders halted their quest for a fourth-straight trip to the Super Bowl in one of the most exciting football games in several years.

But when Super Sunday IX arrived, Oakland, as usual, was not working that day.

Pittsburgh added another layer to the Raiders' "can't win the big one" reputation, pounding them,

CLIFF BRANCH of Raiders led NFL in scoring catches with 13 in '74.



24-13, in the American Conference championship game. It is still argued that the Raiders' 28-26 victory over Miami, which had been called "the true Super Bowl," took too much out of the Oakland club.

Maybe, but the fact is that the Raiders have won a lot of games, more than any other team in football over the last eight years, and they still haven't played in a Super Bowl since 1968, when LBJ was president of the U.S., T-bone steak was on sale for 99 cents a pound and the Dow Jones average was flirting with 1000.

But for all their failures in the big one, the Raiders can be expected back in the playoffs—at least the playoffs—this season for another shot at Super Sunday.

The reasons for that expectation are many:

1. Talent. Lots of talent.
2. The winning habit.
3. Lack of competition in their own division, the Western of the AFC.
4. One of the easiest schedules in the NFL.

While the Raiders may not win the ultimate game or even the semi-ultimate game, they win loads of little ones and medium ones. They are 84-21-7 over the last eight seasons, during which they won seven titles. Since John Madden, one of the league's most underrated coaches, assumed command in 1969 the team has gone 59-18-7. The 12-2 record during last year's regular season was second only to the 12-1-1 of '69.

Based on the total 1974 victories of their combined 1975 opponents, Oakland has the softest schedule in the AFC. It is almost safe passage to the division title and the playoffs.

When enumerating the Raiders' strengths, the place to start is the offensive unit. No team combines the ability to make the big

JOHN MADDEN, Coach.

Assistants: Ollie Spencer, Tom Dahms, Bob Zeman, Ken Herock, Don Shinnick, Tom Flores, Joe Scannella.



KEN STABLER passed for 2469 yards and 26 TDs for Oakland last year.

play with balanced offense the way Oakland does.

If Ken Stabler wasn't the best quarterback in football last year, the worst you can give him is ranking in the top three. His 26 touchdowns were the most scoring passes thrown by an NFL quarterback in six seasons. He accumulated 2469 yards passing and connected on six passes of 60 yards or more, all for touchdowns.

Stabler is valued almost as much for what he won't do as for what he accomplishes. For six games, during that nine-game victory streak, he threw 143 con-

secutive passes without being intercepted.

In the climactic playoff game against Miami he launched a touchdown pass to Clarence Davis while being tackled. The pass produced the game's winning points.

His chief collaborator was Cliff Branch, a man who was looked upon as a speedball and little more up to last year. In his first season as a starter, Branch led the NFL with 1092 yards on receptions and 13 touchdown passes. He cannot be covered one on one. Even against the Steelers, the top pass defense team in the league, he caught nine passes for 186 yards in the AFC title game.

Any overload of coverage on Branch is an invitation to Fred Biletnikoff, the slick veteran who still ranks with the game's finest possession receivers. Biletnikoff caught 42 balls for 593 yards and seven touchdowns. Both he and Branch were selected for the Pro Bowl.

The Raiders' pitch-and-catch game does not end with the regulars. With Daryle Lamonica playing out his option and signed in the WFL, the Raiders developed young Larry Lawrence as a backup quarterback. He started

one late-season game.

Even George Blanda threw a touchdown pass at the age of 46. Blanda will be angry if you refer to him only as a kicking specialist. Oakland also drafted Dave Humm, a starting quarterback at Nebraska for three years. Humm, like Stabler, is a left-hander.

If either Biletnikoff or Branch is out of the lineup, worries don't cease for the opposing defenses. Mike Siani's injury allowed Branch to get his starting chance and now Siani is healthy again. He caught 45 passes in 1973. Also available are well-traveled Frank Pitts and Morris Bradshaw, whose rookie progress was retarded by injury last year.

The Raiders ranked third in the NFL in rushing last year, using a platoon of backs. The regulars are Davis, who finally dethroned Charlie Smith as the starter, and Marv Hubbard, the hard-knocking fullback. Hubbard led the team with 865 yards and during the mid-season winning streak had consecutive games of 117, 107 and 111 yards.

Davis, an extremely versatile back, had 554 yards. Four other Raiders gained at least 100 yards. Pete Banaszak, the veteran power back, gained 272 and rookie Harold Hart, 268. Smith

gained 194 and another rookie, Mark van Eeghen, 139.

This year the competition is even thicker. The Raiders used a third-round draft pick to acquire Maryland's wiggly Louis Carter. They also signed James McAlister, one of the WFL's star backs. McAlister, the former UCLA ground gainer, probably would have been a No. 1 pick in the NFL last year but signed with the Southern California Sun before the NFL draft.

For all their talent, the Raiders' running game was the most disappointing aspect of their loss to Pittsburgh. Oakland did not have a ground gain over four yards that day.

There could be one or two lineup changes which could help that situation.

One is at tight end. Bob Moore, a sound receiver, was the starter last year. Now he will be pushed by Dave Casper, the former Notre Dame captain who not

OTIS SISTRUNK (60), huge tackle, anchors Oakland's defensive line.

JIM OTTO, veteran Raiders center, has played in 210 straight games.



MARV HUBBARD, tough running back, amassed 865 yards in 1974 season.





GEORGE BLANDA, the 46-year-old marvel, holds the all-time pro football career scoring record with 1919 points, accumulated over 26 campaigns.

STREET AND SMITH'S PRO FOOTBALL

There is some worry, too, in the secondary. Veteran corner Willie Brown is 34 and strong safety George Atkinson was in trouble with the law during the winter. Fortunately the Raiders used their first two draft picks to select defensive backs, Ohio State All-America Neal Colzie and Charles Phillips of Southern California.

The solid spots are free safety, where Jack Tatum ranks with the NFL's best, and corner where young Skip Thomas is developing. Veterans Ron Smith and Jimmy Warren add depth.

Oakland boasts the best punter in football, Ray Guy, and Blanda had a terrific year, kicking 11 of 17 field goals.

only can catch but throws his 250 pounds around like a tackle. Jim Thaxton also was acquired from Cleveland.

The other could be at tackle, where second-year pro Henry Lawrence challenges tough John Vella. The 270-pound Lawrence was Oakland's No. 1 draftee last year and all sorts of experts predict he will eventually be an all-pro.

Jim Otto has a record 210-game consecutive playing streak at center. But he's 37 and a veteran of 15 years. It could be time for Dave Dalby to replace him.

Two other starters, tackle Art Shell and guard Gene Upshaw, were starters in the Pro Bowl for the third consecutive year. The other guard, George Buehler, is vastly under-rated.

The Raiders' most damning flaw is on defense. Their record against the run ranked them among the bottom quarter of NFL teams.

The defensive line is loaded with veterans—Otis Sistrunk, a Pro Bowler, and Art Thoms at Tackles; Bubba Smith, Horace Jones and Tony Cline at ends. But none of them has the stature of anyone on Pittsburgh's front four. Bubba played the run well at times—but only at times.

Oakland's outside linebackers, Phil Villapiano and Gerald Irons, are among the most active in the league. Villapiano made the Pro

Bowl for the second time. There is concern about Dan Conners' age, 33, but he is a wily middle linebacker. Monte Johnson, who plays when the Raiders go into their "53" defense, probably will see more action in '75.

For depth there are Gary Weaver, Mike Dennery and ex Saint Willie Hall.

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Branch, 78 points on 13 TDs		4th
RUSHING —Hubbard, 188 carries for 865 yds., 4.6 Avg., 4 TDs		5th
PASSING —Stabler, 178 of 310 attempts for 2469 yds., 26 TDs		2nd
RECEIVING —Branch, 60 receptions for 1092 yds., 13 TDs		2nd
INTERCEPTIONS —Thomas, 6 for 70 yds., 11.7 Avg., 1 TD		7th
PUNTING —Guy, 74 punts, 42.2 Avg., missed 66 yds.		1st
PUNT RETURNS —R. Smith, 41 for 486 yds., 11.9 Avg.		7th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Hart, 18 for 466 yds., 25.9 Avg.		5th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	10 DETROIT
	17 PITTSBURGH
	23 AT Atlanta (N)
	30 SAN FRANCISCO (N)
Sept.	6 AT Dallas (N)
	11 AT Los Angeles (N)

1975 SCHEDULE

Sept.	22 AT Miami (N)
	28 AT Baltimore
Oct.	5 AT San Diego
	12 KANSAS CITY
	19 AT Cincinnati
	26 SAN DIEGO
Nov.	2 AT Denver
	9 NEW ORLEANS
	16 CLEVELAND
	23 AT Washington
	30 ATLANTA
Dec.	8 DENVER
	14 HOUSTON
	21 AT Kansas City

1974 Scores

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14-10
27-7
30-27
17-10
28-17
—
40-24
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17-20
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7-6

RAIDERS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
43	Atkinson, George	S	6-0	180	28	8	Mor. Brown
40	Banaszak, Pete	RB	5-11	210	31	10	Miami
46	Bankston, W. TE	RB	6-4	235	28	7	Tulane
25	Biletnikoff, F.	WR	6-1	190	32	11	Florida St.
16	Blanda, G.	QB-K	6-2	215	46	26	Kentucky
81	Bradshaw, M.	WR	6-0	198	22	2	Ohio St.
21	Branch, Cliff	WR	5-11	170	27	4	Colorado
24	Brown, Willie	DB	6-1	195	34	13	Grambling
64	Buehler, George	G	6-2	260	28	7	Stanford
61	Carr, Ray	DT	6-5	248	26	1	Newberry
87	Casper, Dave	TE	6-4	250	23	2	Notre Dame
84	Cline, Tony	DE	6-3	244	27	6	Miami
55	Conners, Dan	LB	6-1	230	33	12	Miami
50	Dalby, Dave	C-G	6-2	240	24	4	UCLA
28	Davis, Clarence	RB	5-10	195	26	5	So. Calif.
54	Dennery, Mike	LB	6-0	222	25	2	So. Miss.
73	Gay, Blenda	DE	6-5	250	24	1	Fay'etville
18	Gaydos, Kent	TE	6-6	228	25	1	Florida St.
8	Guy, Ray	K	6-3	190	25	3	So. Miss.
83	Hall, Willie (1)	LB	6-2	220	25	3	So. Calif.
34	Hart, Harold	RB	6-0	206	23	2	Tex. So'ern
44	Hubbard, Marv	RB	6-1	225	29	7	Colgate
36	Hudson, Bob	RB	5-11	205	26	4	N.E. Okla.
86	Irons, Gerald	LB	6-2	230	28	6	N.E. Okla.
6	Jakowenko, G.	K	5-9	170	27	2	Syracuse
58	Johnson, Monte	LB	6-4	235	23	3	Nebraska
82	Jones, Horace	DE	6-3	255	26	5	Louisville
71	Korver, Kelvin	DT	6-6	270	26	3	N.W. Iowa
70	Lawrence, Henry	T	6-4	268	23	2	Fla. A&M
13	Lawrence, Larry	QB	6-1	208	26	2	Iowa
79	Medlin, Dan	G	6-3	260	25	2	N. C. State
88	Moore, Bob	TE	6-3	220	26	5	Stanford
00	Otto, Jim	C	6-2	255	37	16	Miami
67	Paul, Harold	T	6-5	245	25	1	Oklahoma
85	Pitts, Frank	WR	6-3	199	31	11	Southern
78	Shell, Art	T	6-5	265	28	8	Mo.-E. Shore
49	Siani, Mike	WR	6-2	195	25	4	Villanova
60	Sistrunk, Otis	DT	6-4	255	27	4	None
77	Smith, Bubba	DE	6-7	265	30	8	Mich. St.
23	Smith, Charlie	RB	6-0	205	29	8	Utah
27	Smith, Ron	DB	6-1	195	32	11	Wisconsin
12	Stabler, Ken	QB	6-3	215	29	6	Alabama
32	Tatum, Jack	S	5-11	200	26	5	Ohio State
26	Thomas, Alonzo	CB	6-1	205	25	4	So. Calif.
80	Thoms, Art	DT	6-5	260	28	7	Syracuse
63	Upshaw, Gene	G	6-5	255	30	9	Tex. A&I
30	van Eeghen, M.	RB	6-1	215	23	2	Colgate
74	Vella, John	T	6-4	255	25	4	So. Calif.
41	Villapiano, Phil	LB	6-2	222	26	5	Bowl. Green
20	Warren, Jim	CB-S	5-11	175	36	12	Illinois
52	Weaver, Gary	LB	6-1	224	26	3	Fresno St.

(1) Last active with New Orleans in 1973

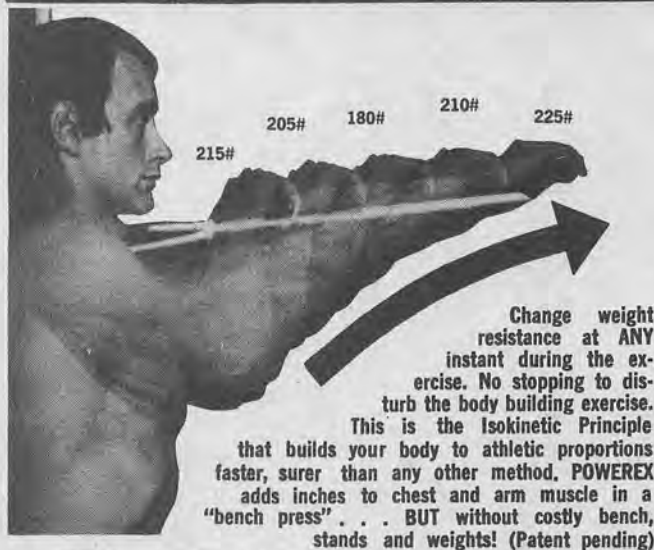
ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
11	Humme, David	QB	6-1	180	23	Nebraska
14	Knight, Harry	QB	6-3	208	21	Richmond
22	McAlister, J.	RB	6-0	205	23	UCLA
29	Doyle, Tom	DB	5-11	190	21	Yale
31	Careathers, P.	RB	5-10	208	22	Tennessee
33	Carter, Louis	RB	5-11	200	22	Maryland
38	Willingham, D.	RB	5-9	204	24	Wis. (Mil.)
42	Daniels, James	DB	6-1	185	23	Tex. A&M
45	Colzie, Neal	DB	6-2	205	22	Ohio St.
47	Phillips, Charles	DB	6-2	215	22	So. Calif.
51	Carey, Mike	C	6-2	230	21	Pittsburgh
57	Peeke, Gerald	LB	6-1	240	23	UCLA
65	Magee, Jack	C	6-4	255	21	Boston Col.
66	Sylvester, Steve	G	6-3	256	22	Notre Dame

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PREDICTION 2nd

These are the new, new, NEW San Diego Chargers.

The team which almost self-destructed trying to do a parody of "The Future is Now" a couple of seasons ago may change the lightning bolt decal on its helmets to a baby rattle. The cheerleaders in San Diego Stadium may be yelling: "Sis, Boom, Gooo!"

Six rookies were in the starting lineup for the Chargers last season as Tommy Prothro coached the team into a change of direction. At least that many will start this year.

Even Prothro has a fresh appearance. Tommy was a cerebral but corpulent coach. Owner Gene Klein, concerned about Prothro's girth, talked him into enrolling at Duke University's fat farm, partaking of a rice diet for several months during the off-season. Prothro still will not be mistaken for a flanker back, but he is a lot sleeker these days.

It's all in keeping with the Chargers' new image.

The team won only five times in Prothro's first year, but the season ended on the most upbeat of notes, a 17-0 shutout over the highly-potent Denver Broncos.

The Chargers should be more improved in 1975. They will not be mistaken for the Oakland Raiders, but it took eight years to tear this team down and even as skilled a coach as Prothro won't do a complete rebuilding job in two or three. The Chargers, however, should be one of the most interesting teams to watch for the next couple of seasons.

The Chargers got that one, great stroke of luck last year, and it should be the nucleus of their offense for some time. The stroke of luck's name is Don Woods. For \$100, less than Klein might spend for an afternoon's round of golf, the Chargers got the NFL rights to Woods. For their \$100, they



DAN FOUTS (14), San Diego's young quarterback who passed for 1732 yards and eight touchdowns in 1974, tries to avoid Oakland's defensive charge.

got 1162 yards and the NFL's rookie-of-the-year trophy.

In one of pro football's classic blunders, the Green Bay Packers cut Woods, who was being converted from college quarterback to pro running back. The 12 other National Conference teams allowed him to pass through waivers, even though he had done outstanding things as a runner during the exhibition season.

The Chargers took their chance. In his third game for them he gained 157 yards against Miami. He dented Philadelphia for 133 the next week and Oakland for 118 the week after. In all he had seven games of 100 yards or more. No Charger ever had run so much yardage in one season.

Prothro lined up another rookie, big Bo Matthews, alongside him at fullback. Glenn Bonner, also a '74 rookie, was a reliable short-yardage man and now huge Jim Harrison has been acquired from the Bears.

At the end of the season the Chargers also were starting a rookie quarterback, Jess Freitas, who took over when Dan Fouts

got hurt. Freitas was the pitcher of record in victories over Chicago and Denver. Fouts had some moments himself, before being injured. He engineered a late, 98-yard drive which upset Cincinnati and had a 333-yard, four-TD day against Cleveland.

Fouts is just beginning his third season. Don Horn is far more experienced than either Freitas or Fouts, but he didn't play a down from scrimmage last year.

The Chargers are not deep at wide receiver, but they have one outstanding veteran and an interesting youngster. The quality veteran is Gary Garrison. He's 31 now but there are few receivers in the NFL with more skills. Last year he caught 41 passes, scored five touchdowns and averaged 19.1 yards per reception. As the quarterbacks mature he should be even more valuable.

The interesting youngster is Harrison Davis, who got to play in the last half of the season as a rookie. He made 18 catches worth 24 yards a catch. Behind Garrison and Davis is a mixed bag. There are veterans Jim Beirne and Jerry LeVias, ex

Saint Jubilee Dunbar, ex Patriot Joe Sweet and three rookies of note—big John Carroll of Oklahoma, little Ike McBee of San Jose State and All-America Pete Demmerle of Notre Dame.

Tight end is not a strength. Wayne Stewart, a journeyman at best, did most of the playing last year. North Carolina All-America Charles Waddell came in the draft and Craig Cotton returns from the World Football League. Cotton began his pro career in San Diego, then played for Chicago and Detroit. His best days were as a spare with the Lions.

Considering Prothro's attitude toward kids, Waddell may be the one.

Don't look for rookie breakthroughs in the offensive line. The Chargers consider this a solid well seasoned unit.

Tackle Terry Owens has been a Charger for 10 years and Russ Washington, the other tackle, has been one for eight. Washington also was picked for the Pro Bowl again. The guards, Doug Wilkerson and Ira Gordon, are 6-year pros. Wilkerson was voted the team's top offensive lineman. Guard Mark Markovich is the top spare.

Ed Flanagan, who played out his option in Detroit, is the new

center. Ex WFL star Booker Brown may have something to say about the guard situation if he licks his weight problem.

The Chargers concentrated their draft on defense, but in the middle rounds they took two offensive tackles, huge Bill Shields of Georgia Tech and Barry Collier of Georgia, and guard Ralph Peretta of Purdue.

The defense is where most of the change will be in 1975.

San Diego had eight picks in the first five rounds of the draft. The first seven were used to select defensive players. The first three—Gary Johnson, Mike Williams and Louie Kelcher—are almost sure starters.

Johnson of Grambling and Kelcher of Southern Methodist are defensive linemen. Johnson, the stickout defender in both the Senior Bowl and the East-West Shrine game, likely will play end to make maximum use of his pass-rushing ability. Kelcher, 6-foot-5 and 291 pounds, is a stay-home tackle who should upgrade this team's defense against the run by himself.

Williams was an All-America corner back at LSU and it's hard to see him being kept on the bench this year.

The Chargers used another

second-round pick to select one of the year's most interesting college players, Fred Dean of Louisiana Tech. Dean was a defensive tackle in college and he did incredible things with his speed and quickness. The catch is that he is 25 years old and has reached his full growth. He will weigh no more than 225 or 230 pounds as a pro. That's not enough to play tackle. Some scouts thought he could be a tee-off pass-rushing end, like the Rams' Fred Dryer. The Chargers are going to try him at middle linebacker.

Next came two Auburn stars, defensive back Mike Fuller and linebacker Ken Bernich. Fuller has a strong shot at the free safety position because of his speed and intelligence. Bernich stands 6-1 and weighs 250, which makes him a tank. His liability is lack of speed. He'll contend with Dean and Charles Anthony at middle linebacker.

Also taken was one of those huge Notre Dame tackles, Kevin Nosbusch, and Southern California's leading tackler, Otha Bradley. Bud Magrum, a Canadian League star, defected to the Chargers and could be a factor.

It all adds up to a lot of competition.

DON WOODS (33), Chargers standout rookie of 1974, follows guard DOUG WILKERSON (63) and tackle RUSS WASHINGTON (70) vs. Oakland.

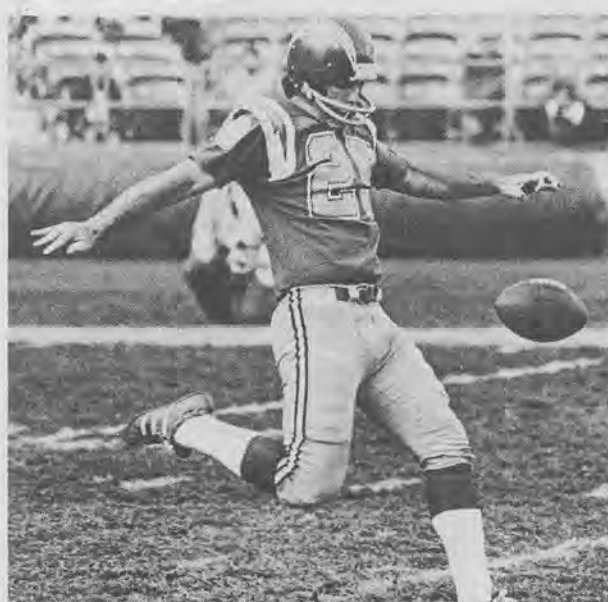


BO MATTHEWS provided important rushing for Chargers last year.





TERRY OWENS (76), a Charger for the past 10 years, helps set up wall of protection for quarterback DAN FOUTS (14).



DENNIS PARTEE, an eight-year NFL veteran, averaged 40 yards per kick on 76 punts last season for San Diego.

To win work in the line, Johnson, Kelcher, Nosbusch and Bradley will have to battle through a line of veterans which includes Coy Bacon, who led the team in sacks with 8. Bacon is one of three veteran ends. The others are Pete Lazatich and Dave Tipton.

The incumbent tackles are enormous Bob Brown, a 35-year-old with a weight problem, and Dave Rowe, an honest journeyman who blocked three field goals last year. Behind them are John Teerlinck and Bon Boatright, a pair of second-year pros.

Anthony won the middle line-backer job as a free agent rookie and led the team in tackles. Dean and Bernich will press him.

Another rookie, Don Goode, one of last year's first-round draftees, started as the strong-side linebacker. Goode appears solid at his position. So does Floyd Rice, the ex Oiler who had 83 tackles and three interceptions. The competition will be among veteran Carl Gersbach, and rookies Larry Keller and Jerry Dahl.

Corner Bob Howard, who has been a starter for eight seasons, could be in trouble with Prothro's youth movement. Sam Williams started opposite him as a rookie and now Mike Williams is the favorite at Howard's spot.

Fuller will contend with Joe Beauchamp, a Charger for 10 years, as free safety. Chris Fletcher is the incumbent strong safety. Ex Patriot George Hoey,

Dan Colbert, Reggie Berry and Len Dunlap are the veteran reserves. Vince Phason of Arizona and Reggie Barnett of Notre Dame will press them for work.

The Chargers got to try only 16 field goals last year. Ray Wersching's statistics aren't very good, but he hit on three of four from within the 40-50 and his 40-yarder beat Cleveland. Punter Dennis Partee also kicks field goals.

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Woods, 60 points on 10 TDs, (7 run—3 pass.)	16th
RUSHING —Woods, 227 carries for 1162 yds., 5.1 Avg., 7 TDs	2nd
PASSING —Fouts, 115 of 237 attempts for 1732 yds., 8 TDs	11th
RECEIVING —Garrison, 41 receptions for 785 yds., 5 TDs	6th
INTERCEPTIONS —Fletcher, 4 for 74 yds., 18.5 Avg.	17th
PUNTING —Partee, 76 punts, 40.0 Avg., longest 65 yds.	7th
PUNT RETURNS —Colbert, 15 for 128 yds., 8.5 Avg.	12th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Gordon, 14 for 354 yds., 25.3 Avg.	7th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 CHICAGO (N)	16 N.Y. GIANTS (N)	21 SAN FRANCISCO (N)	30 AT St. Louis (N)
Sept. 7 AT New England (N)	13 MINNESOTA (N)		

1975 SCHEDULE

Sept.	21	PITTSBURGH
	28	AT Houston
Oct.	5	OAKLAND
	12	LOS ANGELES
	19	KANSAS CITY
	26	AT Oakland
Nov.	1	AT N.Y. Giants
	9	NEW ENGLAND
	16	DENVER
	23	AT Minnesota
	30	AT Denver
Dec.	7	AT Kansas City
	15	N.Y. JETS
	21	AT Cincinnati

1974 Scores

14-21	10-14	14-24	10-17	7-27	14-24	14-27	20-17
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CHARGERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
59	Anthony, Charles	LB	6-1	230	23	2	USC
79	Bacon, Coy	DE	6-4	270	32	8	Jackson St.
40	Beauchamp, Joe	S	6-0	188	31	10	Iowa St.
85	Belrne, Jim	WR	6-2	206	29	8	Purdue
45	Berry, Reggie	S	5-11	185	25	4	Long Beach
73	Boatwright, Bon	DT	6-5	262	23	2	Okl. State
21	Bonner, Glen	RB	6-2	202	23	2	Washington
78	Brown, Bob	DT	6-5	290	35	10	Ark. A&M
46	Colbert, Danny	S	5-11	167	24	2	Tulsa
88	Cotton, Craig	TE	6-4	225	28	6	Youngstown
87	Davis, Harrison	WR	6-4	219	23	2	Virginia
52	Douglas, Jay	C	6-6	260	24	3	Memphis St.
86	Dunbar, Jubilee	WR	6-0	196	28	3	Southern U.
39	Dunlap, Len	CB	6-2	198	26	5	N. Tex. St.
44	Fletcher, Chris	S	5-10	182	27	6	Temple
14	Fouts, Dan	QB	6-3	193	24	3	Oregon
17	Freitas, Jesse	QB	6-1	203	23	2	S. Diego St.
27	Garrison, Gary	WR	6-1	195	31	10	S. Diego St.
54	Gersbach, Carl	LB	6-1	230	27	6	West Chester
50	Goode, Don	LB	6-2	234	24	2	Kansas
69	Gordon, Ira	G	6-3	265	28	6	Kansas St.
82	Grannell, Dave	TE	6-4	230	23	2	Arizona St.
34	Harrison, Jim	RB	6-4	230	26	5	Missouri
23	Hoey, George	CB	5-10	180	28	5	Michigan
13	Horn, Don	QB	6-2	195	30	9	S. Diego St.
24	Howard, Bob	CB	6-2	177	31	9	S. Diego St.
26	Jones, Clint	RB	6-0	205	30	8	Mich. St.
71	Lazatich, Pete	DE	6-3	245	25	4	Stanford
25	LeVias, Jerry	WR	5-9	177	29	7	SMU
65	Markovich, Mark	G	6-5	256	22	2	Penn St.
41	Matthews, Bo	RB	6-4	230	23	2	Colorado
55	Mauck, Carl	C	6-4	243	28	7	So. Illinois
76	Owens, Terry	T	6-6	260	31	10	Jacksonville
80	Parris, Gary	TE	6-2	226	25	3	Florida St.
29	Partee, Dennis	K	6-1	209	29	8	SMU
57	Rice, Floyd	LB	6-3	223	26	5	Alcorn A&M
74	Rowe, Dave	DT	6-7	265	30	9	Penn St.
89	Stewart, Wayne	TE	6-7	230	28	6	California
83	Sweet, Joe	WR	6-2	196	27	4	Tenn. State
77	Teerlinck, John	DT	6-5	245	24	2	West'ern Ill.
35	Thomas, Bob	RB	5-10	202	27	5	Arizona St.
38	Thompson, Tom	RB	6-1	205	24	2	So'ern Ill.
75	Tipton, Dave	DE	6-6	240	26	5	Stanford
68	Vertefeuille, B.	T	6-3	252	24	2	Idaho St.
70	Washington, R.	T	6-7	289	29	8	Missouri
15	Wersching, Ray	K	5-11	210	25	3	California
63	Wilkinson, Doug	G	6-3	256	28	6	N. Central
47	Williams, Sam	CB	6-2	192	23	2	California
33	Woods, Don	RB	6-1	210	24	2	New Mexico

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Johnson, Gary	DE	6-2	250	23	Grambling
Williams, Mike	DB	5-10	180	22	LSU
Kelcher, Louie	DT	6-5	270	22	SMU
Dean, Fred	LB	6-3	228	23	La. Tech
Fuller, Mike	S	5-9 1/2	188	22	Auburn
Bernich, Ken	LB	6-2	250	24	Auburn
Nosbusch, Kevin	DT	6-4	265	22	Notre Dame
Waddell, C.	TE	6-5	233	22	No. Carolina
Carroll, John	WR	6-4	220	23	Oklahoma
Shields, Billy	OT	6-7 1/2	250	22	Geo. Tech
Young, Ricky	RB	6-2	195	22	Jackson St.
Collier, Barry	OT	6-6	275	23	Georgia
Perretta, Ralph	G	6-3	241	22	Purdue
Keller, Larry	LB	6-2	224	22	Houston
Bradley, Otha	DT	6-2	260	23	USC
Phason, Vince	DB	5-10	185	22	Arizona
McBee, Ike	WR	5-11	175	22	S. Jose St.
Dahl, Jerry	LB	6-2	218	25	N. Dak. St.
Demmerle, Pete	WR	6-1	190	22	Notre Dame
Printers, Glen	RB	6-2	193	23	S. Colo. St.
Barnett, Reggie	DB	5-10	180	22	Notre Dame
Salvestrini, Chip	G	6-3	255	22	Yankton
Jeffrey, Neal	QB	6-1	176	22	Baylor



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The Denver Broncos were an object lesson in success breeding discontent last football season, but their followers were disappointed the team failed to make the playoffs.

Never mind that if the Broncos had won their final game of the season at San Diego, they would have improved on their '73 won-lost record (7-5-2). The team was so improved in '73 that the faithful was sure there would be playoff football for Denver.

Winning is no longer enough in Denver.

John Ralston, the Bronco coach, must share much of the blame. Ralston, a Dale Carnegie graduate, is also a devotee of Norman Vincent Peale. No black cloud hovers above him without redeeming football value.

No sooner had the whitewash dried on the Chargers' 17-0 victory over his team in the finale last year, than Ralston was assuring people "We will profit from our mistakes and we will be better in 1975."

If it sounded like a military command, Ralston doesn't mind.

If the Broncos are to make the playoffs for the first time, it will be their offense which gets them there. The Denver organization feels it has had a championship offense for some time. Not all the evidence backs them up, but there is little doubt the Broncos can score with the best in the NFL.

For starters, the Broncos have the league's ground-gaining champion, the best tight end in football, a young fullback who punched into the end zone 10 times as a rookie last year and a veteran quarterback who has thrown 47 touchdown passes in the last three seasons.

When Floyd Little, the team's all-time hero, suffered an achilles tendon injury last year, Ralston slipped sophomore pro Otis Armstrong into his position. Armstrong, a quick accelerator with a

wide wheel base, ran the ball 263 times and gained 1407 yards. That's a startling, 5.3 average per carry. He also had 38 pass receptions for 405 yards and returned 16 kickoffs for 386 yards. He scored a dozen touchdowns, nine of them on the ground.

He is, in short, a very valuable player.

Lined up alongside of him last year was rookie Jon Keyworth. Keyworth averaged 4.6 yards on his 81 carries and scored 10 touchdowns, but perhaps his greatest value was as a lead blocker for Armstrong.

Ralston has some of the best backfield depth in the league. The two men who were destined to be last year's starters, Little and Bob Anderson, are now back. Anderson broke his ankle in the last exhibition game, giving Keyworth his shot. Little will be playing his final season. Floyd is in his final year of law school and his last of football. Even if he doesn't win back a starting job, he vows he'll help his club by returning kicks and punts.

The Broncos took a stab in the draft, selecting Eric Penick of Notre Dame, a top pro prospect until he tore up a knee.

Battling Penick for work on the roster will be veteran power back Fran Lynch and Oliver Ross.

Charley Johnson slipped a bit from his outstanding season of 1973, but still threw for 1969 yards and 13 touchdowns. One catch is that Charley is 36. An even bigger catch—and the element which takes the Denver offense out of the championship category—is that the Broncos do not protect a valuable, old passer like a valuable old passer deserves to be protected. Denver quarterbacks were sacked 45 times, one of the worst records in the league. If the team is to make a serious run at the playoffs, that statistic will have to be improved.

Behind Johnson is Steve Ram-

JOHN RALSTON, Coach.

Assistants: Joel Collier, "Doc" Ulrich, Bob Gambold, Max Coley, Myrel Moore, Jerry Frei, Kay Dalton.

sey, an experienced journeyman who passed for 580 yards and five touchdowns last year. John Hufnagel will have to battle rookie Mike Franckowiak, an able place kicker, for another year on the roster. Franckowiak of Central Michigan was a third-round draftee.

The most obvious target for the passing of Johnson and the other quarterbacks is Riley Odoms, the all-pro tight end. He caught 42 last year for 639 yards and a half dozen touchdowns. Odoms also knocks down a lot of people when the Broncos run the ball.

Haven Moses had a spectacular year for the Broncos in '73, but last year slipped back to mortality with 34 catches, 559 yards and only two touchdowns. The other starter at wide receiver is the punter, Bill Van Heusen, a man not noted for his speed, but who, nevertheless, averaged an amazing 26.3 yards on his 16 receptions.

Since Jerry Simmons was traded to Atlanta in the Clarence Ellis deal and Otto Stowe played out his option, the bench strength will have to come from kids like

OTIS ARMSTRONG of Denver led NFL with 1407 rushing yards in 1974.





CHARLEY JOHNSON, Broncos brainy QB, fired 13 TD passes last year.

JOHN RALSTON, Denver coach, yells with joy after BILL LASKEY (45), Broncos linebacker, made great game-saving interception against Oakland. Following catch of pass meant for BOB MOORE (88), Laskey flipped ball to HUGH GAMBER, the amazed official with the whistle.



Rick Upchurch, a kick return ace from Minnesota who stands only 5-9, and Jack Dolbin, who played with the Chicago Fire of the WFL last year.

The pass blocking of the offensive line could be improved by three factors: 1. A year's experience for massive Claudie Minor, who started at tackle as a rookie; 2. A return to health by Marv Montgomery, once one of the best young tackles in the NFL but reduced to the status of spectator for two years due to leg and knee injuries; 3. The acquisition of veteran guard Chuck Walton from Detroit.

Possibly the strongest position on the line is center, where veteran Bobby Maples had a good season. Walton will content with undersized Tommy Lyons, young Paul Howard and veteran Mike Schnitker for work at guard. Mike Current, who has a consecutive game streak of 98, is a stable tackle. Maryland tackle Stan Rogers has the best chance of the rookies. The others are Pacific center Hank Englehardt and Oklahoma guard Jerry Arnold.

Ralston concentrated his draft on defense and made a pair of major trades to strengthen the

unit further.

The trades brought two ex Atlanta players, tackle Greg Marx and Clarence Ellis, whom he can play at corner or safety. Marx sat out the 1974 season, the year after the Falcons made him their top draft choice. He cost Denver a veteran guard, Larron Jackson. Ellis cost two veterans, wide receiver Jerry Simmons and safety Charles Greer.

Another deal brought the rights to tackle Phil Olsen who played out his option with the Rams.

The draft brought the best corner back in college football, a sleeper defensive lineman and two or three other good possibilities.

Louie Wright of San Jose State will probably walk right into a starting assignment. Wright not only does a :04.4 40-yard dash but stands 6-2. He can tackle and jump. Little Calvin Jones is his likely partner at corner. The man Wright probably will have to beat out his ex Steeler John Rowser. Denver had one of the worst pass-defense records in the league last year and Rowser got a lot of fingers pointed at him.

The Broncos consider strong safety Bill Thompson one of their major assets. He can play all four secondary positions, plus run back punts and kickoffs.

John Pitts is the free safety of record but Ellis may move ahead of him quickly. Maurice Tyler is another experienced safety, but there are three rookies challenging for work: Steve Taylor of Georgia, Steve Foley of Tulane and Roussell Williams of Arizona. Foley is a college quarterback who will be converted.

Marx and the sleeper rookie, second-round pick Charlie Smith of North Carolina Central, could make some waves, but what Ralston is really looking for is a big comeback by Paul Smith, one of the sport's best tackles.

Smith ruptured an achilles tendon and played only two games. The Bronco defense seemed to lose its kingpin when he went out of the lineup. They need Smitty if they are serious about the playoffs.

Smith will be aimed at Barney Chavous, who has been the starting left end for two years, but he could move inside to challenge John Grant if Marx doesn't present enough push there.



LYLE ALZADO (77), Denver's highly regarded defensive end, forces Kansas City Chief quarterback MIKE LIVINGSTON to get rid of football quickly.

Mihalic. Ralston also traded with Cleveland for Billy Andrews.

Other reserves are Jim O'Malley, Joe Rizzo and Ken Criter. The latter is captain of the special teams.

Jim Turner didn't have one of his better seasons with 11 field goals in 22 tries, but unless Franchowiak is something special he doesn't have to worry. Van Heusen is a sound punter.

BRONCO'S VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
77	Alzado, Lyle	DE	6-3	265	26	5	Yankton
11	Anderson, Bobby	RB	6-0	208	28	5	Colorado
	Andrews, Billy	LB	6-0	225	30	9	S.E. La.
24	Armstrong, Otis	RB	5-10	196	24	3	Purdue
65	Arnold, LeFrancis	G	6-3	245	22	2	Oregon
87	Brown, Boyd	TE	6-4	216	23	2	Alcorn A&M
79	Chavous, Barney	DE	6-3	252	24	3	S. C. State
54	Cindrich, Ralph	LB	6-1	230	26	4	Pittsburgh
76	Coleman, Ralph	DE	6-4	252	24	2	Del. State
53	Criter, Ken	LB	5-11	223	28	7	Wisconsin
74	Current, Mike	T	6-4	270	30	9	Ohio St.
	Dolbin, Jack	WR	5-10	180	26	2	Wake Forest
55	Duranko, Pete	DT	6-2	250	30	9	Notre Dame
	Echols, R.	DB-WR	6-2	190	25	2	UCLA
86	Frazier, Marv	WR	6-0	180	24	2	Cheyney
52	Gradishar, R.	LB	6-3	233	23	2	Ohio State
63	Grant, John	DE	6-3	235	25	3	So. Calif.
20	Greer, Charles	DB	6-0	205	29	8	Colorado
60	Howard, Paul	G	6-3	260	25	3	Brig. Young
16	Hufnagel, John	QB	6-1	194	24	2	Penn St.
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	24	3	Louisville
12	Johnson, Charley	QB	6-1	200	36	15	N. Mex. St.
	Johnson, Charlie	DB	6-1	190	24	1	Southern
26	Jones, Calvin	CB	5-7	169	24	3	Washington
72	Kampa, Bob	DT	6-4	245	24	3	California
32	Keyworth, Jon	RB	6-3	230	23	2	Colorado
44	Little, Floyd	RB	5-10	196	33	9	Syracuse
22	Lynch, Fran	RB	6-1	205	29	9	Hofstra
61	Lyons, Tom	G	6-2	230	27	5	Georgia
50	Maples, Bobby	C	6-3	250	32	11	Baylor
	Marx, Greg	DT	6-4	260	25	2	Notre Dame
81	Masters, Billy	TE	6-5	240	31	9	LSU
56	May, Ray	LB	6-1	230	30	9	So. Calif.
71	Minor, Claude	T	6-4	280	24	2	S. Diego St.
25	Moses, Haven	WR	6-2	208	30	7	S. Diego St.
78	Montgomery, M. T.	T	6-6	255	27	5	So. Calif.
88	Odoms, Riley	TE	6-4	230	25	4	Houston
	Olsen, Phil	DT	6-5	265	27	5	Utah St.
66	O'Malley, Jim	LB	6-1	230	24	3	Notre Dame
	Pennington, P.	QB	6-4	215	25	1	Mass.
48	Pitts, John	S	6-4	218	30	9	Arizona St.
10	Ramsey, Steve	QB	6-2	210	27	6	N. Tex. St.
59	Rizzo, Joe	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Mer. M. A'y.
30	Ross, Oliver	RB	6-0	210	26	3	Ala. A&M
46	Rowser, John	CB	6-1	190	31	9	Michigan
64	Schnitker, Mike	G	6-3	245	28	7	Colorado
	Sens, Mark	T	6-5	265	23	1	Colorado
80	Simmons, Jerry	WR	6-1	190	32	11	B. Cookmn.
51	Simone, Mike	LB	6-0	210	25	4	Stanford
75	Smith, Ed	DE	6-5	241	25	3	Colo. State
70	Smith, Paul	DT	6-3	256	30	7	New Mexico
36	Thompson, Bill	S	6-1	200	29	7	Md. State
15	Turner, Jim	K	6-2	205	34	12	Utah St.
23	Tyler, Maurice	S	6-0	188	25	4	Morgan St.
42	Van Heusen, WR-P		6-1	200	28	8	Maryland
	Walton, Chuck	G	6-3	256	34	9	Iowa St.
	Weatherley, Jim	C	6-3	245	23	1	Mt. S. Anton.

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Armstrong, 72 points on 12 TDs	7th
RUSHING —Armstrong, 263 carries for 1407 yds., 5.3 Avg., 9 TDs	1st
PASSING —Johnson, 136 of 244 attempts for 1969 yds., 13 TDs	3rd
RECEIVING —Odoms, 42 receptions for 639 yds., 6 TDs	4th
INTERCEPTIONS —Thompson, 5 for 105 yds., 21.0 Avg., 1 TD	9th
PUNTING —Van Heusen, 75 punts, 40.3 Avg., longest 61 yds.	6th
PUNT RETURNS —Thompson, 26 for 350 yds., 13.5 Avg.	5th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Armstrong, 16 for 386 yds., 24.1 Avg.	10th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 BALTIMORE (N)	
16 Open	
23 HOUSTON (N)	
30 AT Chicago (N)	
Sept. 7 AT San Francisco	
14 ST. LOUIS	

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 KANSAS CITY	34-42
29 GREEN BAY (N)	—
Oct. 5 AT Buffalo	—
12 AT Pittsburgh	35-35
19 CLEVELAND	21-23
26 AT Kansas City	17-14
Nov. 2 OAKLAND	17-28
9 CINCINNATI	—
16 AT San Diego	0-17
23 AT Atlanta	—
30 SAN DIEGO	27-7
Dec. 8 AT Oakland (N)	20-17
14 PHILADELPHIA	—
20 AT Miami	—

Aside from Smith, the ranking veteran is Lyle Alzado, an outstanding pass rusher. Alzado can't do all the quarterbacking harassing on his own. Without Smith in the lineup the Broncos's sack total fell to 32. It's been in the 40s regularly in the last several years.

Pete Duranko, a one-time fixture, is still around. So is developing Ed Smith and ex Bill Bob Kampa, who can play both end and tackle. Charley Smith wasn't the only rookie highly drafted. Ralston also tabbed Miami's All-America tackle, Rubin Carter, who might have gone higher than the fifth round if he hadn't undergone recent knee surgery.

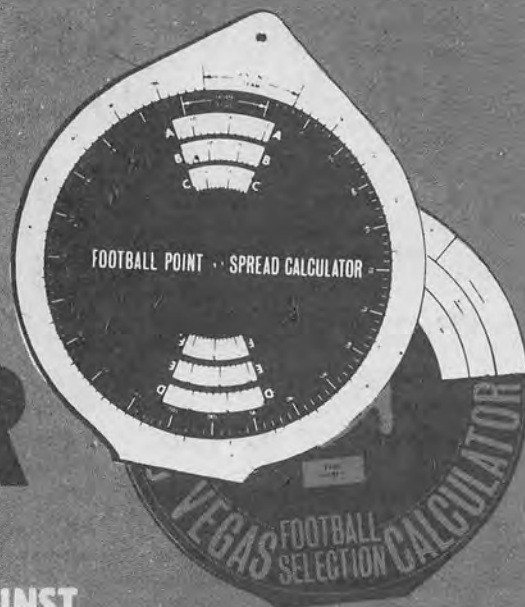
Tom Jackson won his teammates' vote as the team's most valuable player for his work as middle linebacker. That gives Ralston a reliable unit, with seasoned Ray May and Randy Gradishar, last year's top draft pick on the outside. The top newcomer is Notre Dame's big Drew

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Arnold, Jerry	G	6-2½	247	23	Oklahoma
Austin, Keith	LB	6-1	238	24	Riverside
Carter, Rubin	DT	6-0	256	23	Miami
Canotto, Larry	QB	6-1	186	22	Pomona
Engelhardt, H.	C	6-2½	240	23	Pacific
Ferrigno, Dan	WR	5-8	170	22	S. F. State
Foley, Steve	S-QB	6-1	181	22	Tulane
Frankowiak, QB-KS		6-3	220	22	Cent. Mich.
Hagerty, Steve	WR	5-10	175	22	Las Vegas
Holmes, Almon	DB	5-11	178	23	St. Mary's
Jones, Odell	DE	6-2	255	24	Sul Ross
Mahalic, Drew	LB	6-3	259	24	Delaware St.
Micholosen, J.	T	6-4	225	22	Notre Dame
Mitchell, M.	TE	6-3	238	22	Iowa
Penick, Eric	RB	5-11½	209	22	Tulsa
Pierson, Reggie	DB	5-11	185	23	Notre Dame
Rebsch, Dan	DB	6-1	183	24	Okl. State
Roinson, D.	WR	6-2	175	23	Miami (O.)
Rogers, Stan	T	6-4	255	23	Kansas
Shelton, Ken	TE	6-4	205	22	Maryland
Sherman, L.	RB	5-8½	180	23	Virginia
Smith, Charlie	DE	6-5	245	22	Albany St.
Swenson, Bob	LB	6-3	220	22	N. C. Cent.
Taylor, Steve	DB	5-11	180	22	California
Terry, Mike	CB	5-11	180	23	Georgia
Upchurch, Rich	WR	5-10	170	23	Okl. State
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KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

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Some pro football teams festoon their offices and dressing rooms with slogans. The Kansas City Chiefs' quarters, under Hank Stram, were full of them: "A Team That Won't Be Beat, Can't Be Beat" . . . "When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Get Going" . . . "Don't Fire Until You See the Whites of Their Eyes."

Paul Wiggin is the new KC coach after 15 years of Stram's rule. Wiggin's favorite slogan is "Willie's back."

The Kansas City Chiefs are in a state of decay. Not advanced decay, but salvageable decay—like some industrial cities of the northeast. But the Chiefs could have been beyond immediate salvageability if Willie Lanier had stuck to his decision.

Lanier announced midway through last season that after his '74 football was done, he would play no more. Instead, he said, he would devote fulltime to his off-season job as a promising executive for a Virginia tobacco company.

Since Lanier is just 30 years old, has played in five consecutive Pro Bowls and is, by consensus opinion, the best middle linebacker in Christendom, Wiggin made it his business to try and dissuade Lanier from his chosen course.

"My priority project," Wiggin called his wooing of Willie. "Ahead of our quarterback problem or anything else."

Not that Lanier's return is going to be a *Deus ex Machina*. The Chiefs had him last year and finished with one of their worst records ever, 5-9.

But without him, Wiggin's rebuilding project would be set back incalculably.

With Lanier back in a Chiefs' uniform, Wiggin can turn his attention to finding a quarterback. Lenny Dawson, KC's 40-year-old longtime star, seems out of

place on a team which is looking toward the future. Behind Dawson is Mike Livingston, who started a half dozen games last year and has been an off-and-on starter for the last six years. Livingston has never demonstrated that he could be a big winner in the NFL.

The Chiefs' quarterback of the future, obviously, is David Jaynes. He played in only one game last year, attempting only two passes. Wiggin is likely to decide he must suffer with the youngster, allowing him to make mistakes while he learns. Behind Jaynes is Dean Carlson, and ex WFLer Tony Adams.

One of the several assets Wiggin inherited is Woody Green, whose rookie season was injury-pocked but still convinced NFL watchers that he has the potential to become one of the great running backs. Green led the Chiefs in rushing with 509 yards, despite playing only six full games. The principal worry about him is a rape charge, for which he was indicted last May.

Cleophus Miller finished the season as the starting fullback, but the big challenger in Wiggin's administration should be Jeff Kinney, whose unrequited potential has been a puzzle to Chief followers. His 124-yard day in an upset victory over St. Louis is convincing evidence that he can do it.

Ed Podolak, old reliable, is still available. He led the Chiefs with 43 catches and 306 yards, third in the AFC. He also rushed for 386 yards despite missing four games. Willie Ellison, who never has produced for the Chiefs as he once did in LA. The top drafted rookie is Morris LaGrand of Tampa.

Otis Taylor is 33 years old and caught only 24 passes last year, but he could be Jaynes' best friend when David steps into the passing pocket. The Chiefs just don't have any first-rate wide receivers other than Otis. Elmo

PAUL WIGGIN, Coach.

Assistants: Chet Franklin, Joe Spencer, Bob Schnelker, Vince Costello, Tom Pratt, Tom Bettis, Steve Ortmayer.



OTIS TAYLOR (88) is the only top-flight wide receiver on Chiefs.

Wright never has done it big and he's often been nicked. Larry Brunson has interesting speed, but there are doubts about his all-around ability. Barry Pearson, the ex Steeler, caught 27 passes in a reserve role.

There will be a new tight end, since incumbent Morris Stroud was traded to Houston. Gary Butler was scheduled to start last year but he tore up a knee. Butler is back, but the Chiefs selected Kentucky's Elmore Stephens as their top draftee (he came in the second round; the Chiefs didn't have a No. 1). Stephens has the best chance of any KC rookie to start.

Look for more changes in the offensive line, which was one of the most deteriorated spots for



WILLIE LANIER (63), one of game's best linebackers, announced his plans for retirement after '74 season, but was wooed back by Coach Paul Wiggin.

KC before last season began.

The changes started in '74, with the installation of Charlie Getty and ex Ram Jim Nicholson at tackle. Getty started as a rookie. Behind them are Tom Drougas, onetime starter at Baltimore and Matt Herkenhoff who spurned a KC offer in '74 and signed with Charlotte of WFL.

Both guards are vulnerable. Ed Budde played well last year but he's 35. George Daney finally won a start on the other side, but he's not sure of his job there. Behind them are two veterans, Francis Peay and Wayne Walton, but the guy who may do most of pushing is the pro sophomore Tom Condon.

Best fortified position on the line is center, where Jack Rudnay performs at Pro Bowl Efficiency. He, Getty and, hopefully, Green will be the anchor of the offensive rebuilding plans.

Obviously the best thing that happened to Wiggin's defense is Lanier.

With Willie's presence assured, Jim Lynch can stay on the outside. The plan was to shift Jim if Lanier stayed with his retirement plans. Lynch is one of the league's finest outside line backers.

On the other side will be another oldtimer, Bobby Bell, who is in his 13th season at age 35. Bell got hurt last year and lost his job to Clyde Werner. But Werner underwent surgery on a gimpy knee during the winter and Wiggin was hoping to get at least one more season out of Bobby.

The bench isn't much. Al Palewicz has been around for a while. Tom Graham came from Denver. Bob Thornbladh converted from fullback as a rookie last year and Wiggin has added two ex Bengals, Ken Avery and Doug Adams.

Position switches are the biggest thing to happen in the line. Marvin Upshaw, who has spent most of his career as a defensive end, is now at tackle. Young John Matuszak moves from tackle to end.

Matuszak is a major mystery. Two years ago he was the first player selected in the entire draft. Houston took him but got very little out of him. Early last season he jumped the club and actually appeared in the uniform of Houston's WFL team (now based in Shreveport) until a court order restrained him at halftime.

The Oilers peddled him to Kansas City in exchange for Curley Culp in mid-season. It was a one-sided deal, but Culp seemed headed for the WFL at the time. At 6-foot-8 and 275 pounds with all the required speed and strength, Matuszak seems capable of becoming an all-time great. But some coaching skeptics claim he is uncoachable and won't even be a representative pro.

If Wiggin can motivate him, it could be as important to the new coach as Lanier's return.

Playing alongside Upshaw at tackle will be Buck Buchanan, another 35-year-old in his 13th season. Wiggin hopes he can recall some of his prime. Behind



ED PODOLAK (14) totaled 692 yards in only 10 games for KC last year.

them is Tom Keating, the ex Oakland Raider who still has some football left. There could be a surprise in there if Cornelius Walker, a highly-regarded rookie from Rice asserts himself.

Playing opposite Matuszak will be Wilbur Young, another giant who has capabilities he's hardly used. Bob Briggs, Fred DiBernardi, John Lohmeyer and Nick Roman are experienced subs. Roman started for Cleveland last year but they released him at the end of the season.

Wiggin also lists Dave Wasick, the eager hitter from San Jose State, at defensive end, but Wasick could end up getting an audition at linebacker.

The situation at corner is stable. The best Kansas City defensive back is Emmitt Thomas, who led the NFL in interceptions with a dozen and made the Pro Bowl again. Nate Allen is a five-year pro across from him. Behind them are Jim Marsalis, once an all-pro himself, and Willie Osley.

Jim Kearney starts his 11th season at strong safety with Mike Sensibaugh at free safety. Doug Jones and Kerry Reardon have played before.

The Chiefs have some of the finest kicking in the NFL. Jan Stenerud, still one of the game's most reliable and strongest in-steps, hit on 17 of 24 field goal attempts. Jerrel Wilson punted 83 times, which may tell you something about the KC offense, and just missed the NFL title with a 41.7 average.

The club could use some oomph on its punt and kickoff returns, however.

Look for Wiggin to dip into his draft lists for a few players



JIM LYNCH, former Notre Damer, has played 9 seasons with Chiefs.



EMMITT THOMAS, Chiefs cornerback, led NFL in interceptions with 12.

other than Stephens, Walker, LaGrand and Wasick.

The others include tackle Wayne Hoffman of Oklahoma, guard Dale Hegland of Minnesota, running back James Rackley of Florida A&M, linebacker John Snider of Stanford and guard Gene Moshier of Vanderbilt.

1974 LEADERS AND AFC RATINGS

SCORING —Stenerud, 75 points on 24 XP, 17 field goals	6th
RUSHING —Green, 135 carries for 509 yds., 3.8 Avg., 3 TDs	16th
PASSING —Dawson, 138 of 235 attempts for 1573 yds., 7 TDs	8th
RECEIVING —Podolak, 43 receptions for 306 yds., 1 TD	3rd
INTERCEPTIONS —Thomas, 12 for 214 yds., 18.8 Avg., 2 TDs	1st
PUNTING —Wilson, 83 punts, 41.7 Avg., longest 64 yds.	2nd
PUNT RETURNS —Podolak, 15 for 134 yds., 8.9 Avg.	10th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Brunson, 12 for 280 yds., 23.3 Avg.	20th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	9 ST. LOUIS (N)
	18 DALLAS (N)
	23 AT Detroit
	30 LOS ANGELES (N)
Sept.	6 GREEN BAY (N)
	12 AT Buffalo (N)

1975 SCHEDULE		1974 Scores
Sept.	21 AT Denver	42-34
	28 N.Y. JETS	24-16
Oct.	5 SAN FRANCISCO	—
	12 AT Oakland	7-27
	19 AT San Diego	24-14
	26 DENVER	14-17
Nov.	2 HOUSTON	17-7
	10 AT Dallas (N)	—
	16 AT Pittsburgh	24-34
	23 DETROIT	—
	30 AT Baltimore	—
Dec.	7 SAN DIEGO	7-14
	14 AT Cleveland	—
	21 OAKLAND	6-7

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
	Adams, Doug	LB	6-1	226	25	5	Ohio St.
	Adams, Tony	QB	6-0	197	23	1	Utah St.
48	Allen, Nate	CB	5-10	170	27	5	Tex. So'n.
	Atkins, Dave	RB	6-1	210	26	3	El Paso
78	Bell, Bobby	LB	6-4	228	35	13	Minnesota
84	Briggs, Robert	DE	6-4	258	29	7	Heidelberg
83	Brunson, Larry	WR	5-11	180	28	2	Colorado
86	Buchanan, Buck	DT	6-7	270	35	13	Grambling
71	Budde, Ed	G	6-5	265	35	13	Mich. St.
82	Butler, Gary	TE	6-3	235	24	3	Rice
9	Carlson, Dean	QB	6-3	210	25	4	Iowa St.
60	Condon, Tom	G	6-3	240	25	2	Boston Col.
60	Daney, George	G	6-4	240	25	8	El Paso
16	Dawson, Len	QB	6-0	190	40	19	Purdue
69	DeBernardi, Fred	DE	6-6	250	28	2	El Paso
76	Drougas, Tom	T	6-4	250	28	4	Oregon
24	Ellison, Willie	RB	6-2	210	25	9	Tex. So'n.
77	Getty, Charlie	LB	6-4	260	25	2	Penn St.
56	Graham, Tom	LB	6-2	235	25	4	Oregon
27	Green, Woody	RB	6-1	205	19	4	Arizona St.
80	Hamilton, Andy	WR	6-3	190	25	13	LSU
73	Hill, Dave	T	6-5	260	25	13	Auburn
52	Humphrey, Tom	C	6-6	260	25	2	Ab. Christ.
12	Jaynes, Dave	QB	6-2	212	22	11	Kansas
32	Jones, Doug	DE	6-2	202	24	4	S. Fern. Val.
46	Kearney, Jim	S	6-2	206	25	11	Pr. View
74	Keating, Tom	DT	6-2	247	25	12	Michigan
31	Kinney, Jeff	RB	6-2	215	25	4	Nebraska
	Kretzer, Dan	WR	6-3	194	25	2	Mo. Valley
63	Lanier, Willie	LB	6-1	245	30	9	Morgan St.
10	Livingston, Mike	QB	6-4	212	30	2	SMU
	Lohmeyer, John	DE	6-4	229	24	3	Emporia
51	Lynch, Jim	LB	6-1	235	30	7	Notre Dame
40	Marsalis, Jim	CB	5-11	194	30	3	Tenn. St.
79	Matuszak, John	DT	6-8	275	24	3	Tampa
30	Miller, Cleophus	RB	5-11	202	24	3	Pine Bluff
70	Nicholson, Jim	T	6-6	261	25	2	Illinois
47	Oasley, Willie	DB	6-0	195	24	4	Michigan St.
57	Palewicz, Al	LB	6-1	215	25	3	Illinois
85	Pearson, Barry	WR	5-11	185	25	4	Miami (Fla.)
75	Peay, Francis	T	6-5	250	31	10	No'western
14	Podolak, Ed	RB	6-1	205	28	7	Missouri
	Polen, Bruce	DB	6-0	180	24	0	Iowa
15	Rearson, Kerry	DB	5-11	180	28	5	Wm. Penn
	Roman, Nick	DE	6-3	245	28	6	Iowa
58	Rudnay, Jack	C	6-3	240	28	6	Ohio St.
20	Sensibaugh, Mike	S	5-11	192	28	6	No'western
3	Stenerud, Jan	K	6-2	187	33	9	Ohio St.
87	Strada, John	TE	6-3	230	23	2	Montana St.
43	Thomas, Bill	LB	6-2	225	33	2	Wm. Jewell
18	Thomas, Emmitt	CB	6-2	192	32	10	Boston Col.
50	Thornbladh, Bob	LB	6-1	220	28	2	Bishop
89	Taylor, Otis	WR	6-3	250	29	11	Michigan
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89	Young, Wilbur	DE	6-6	285	26	6	Houston

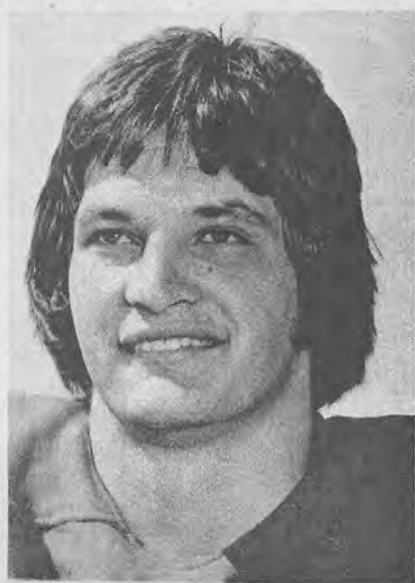
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4. Philadelphia
5. New York

On the morning after Super Bowl IX, Franco Harris sauntered through the New Orleans airport lugging a souvenir Vikings' headpiece with horns protruding from the sides.

His take-home trophy—priced at \$4.50 on Bourbon Street—was laden with rich, penetrating symbolism.

The NFC, possessing the tradition-oriented pro clubs, has been decapitated—chopped off at the top by the AFC. For the most part, the NFC is devoid of the muscle proliferated in the AFC. This is proven in the Super Bowls every January—those festivals of bacchanalia and debauchery.

The representatives of the NFC have flopped in six of the last seven Super Bowls . . . including the most recent three.

It is embarrassing and galling. The pioneer franchises of Pete Rozelle's empire compete in the NFC. They have been outlickered in the critical matter of player procurement by the more aggressive, shrewder AFC. These accusations are documented by this listing of magnetic names—O. J. Simpson, Joe Namath, Bob Griese, Terry Bradshaw, Joe Greene, Jim Plunkett, Kenny Stabler, Franco Harris. These athletes have driven the AFC to dominance.

Merely one team in the reactionary NFC 1975—the Los An-

geles Rams—plays with AFC gusto.

"If I had a chance of getting here and losing or not getting here, I'd rather get here," said Francis Tarkenton, token individual in the NFC's ruptured-duck frustration in Super Bowl competition.

George Allen would disagree emotionally with this premise that losing in the Super Bowl is better than nothing.

"Defeat is worse than death," Allen declared when he himself was immersed in the tumultuous Super Bowl environment with his rabble on the Washington Redskins.

Allen lost the game on Super Sunday—another victim of AFC superiority. He survived.

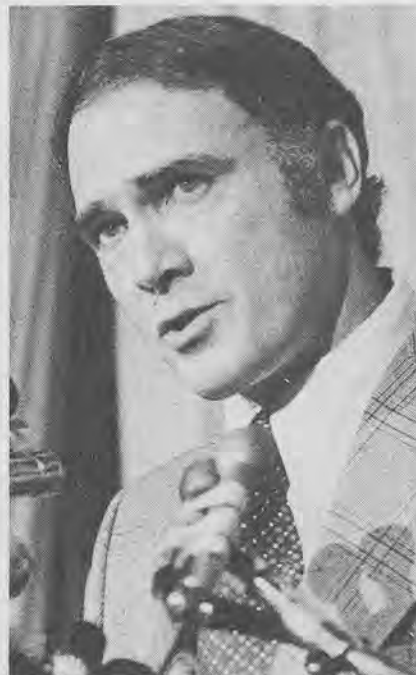
Once, when he was vibrant and coaching victoriously at Green Bay, Vincent Lombardi volunteered a description of the sport-business which consumed him.

"Football," Lombardi said, "is a game for madmen."

It would seem there is a higher quality of madmen in the AFC.

There was a time a decade ago when the American and National Football Leagues warred. The Nationals were 40 years older. They generated broader public appeal.

Al Davis, then commissioner of the belittled Americans, concocted a demoniac scheme to win



CHUCK KNOX has led Los Angeles to two straight NFC West titles.

the war. The Americans, he plotted, would strike in command fashion at the haughty, more powerful Nationals. They would hit at the Nationals' jugular. They would capture the elite quarterbacks performing for the Nationals, pay them to switch allegiance to the clubs of the Americans.

The plan was exquisitely conceived and the raids had begun. In three years, the Nationals would be forced to surrender to Davis and his brazen young revolutionaries.

But the systemized plundering and destruction of the Nationals never would be completed. There were secret peace talks—so clandestine Davis, the Americans' warlord, was kept unawares. There was a truce between the

National Conference



FRAN TARKENTON (hands raised) signals a touchdown as Vikings teammate DAVE OSBORN dives over Los Angeles line for score during NFC title game.

practical business men on both sides. To continue fighting would be folly. They'd go broke. United in peace they could all profit. So the Americans and Nationals merged in June of 1966.

The Americans were forced to pay war reparations of \$20 million to the Nationals. On the surface, it appeared the Nationals had won the war. It would be they who annexed the clubs of

the American Football League. The AFL would be decreed officially out of existence. Its teams would be placed in an imperialistic society within the National Football League, known euphemistically as the American Football Conference.

All the American's clubs would join the AFC in this new postwar paradise. In addition, three old members of the Nationals would

transfer to the AFC to arrange numerical equality. Each of these clubs would satisfy the embarrassment of joining the insurgent Americans by receiving \$3 million in indemnity. The clubs to move were the Cleveland Browns, Baltimore Colts and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

As happens so often in terrifying wars, the winning side loses the peace. Baltimore and Pittsburgh, the team of Franco Harris, have won Super Bowls under the AFC flag.

Peace brought with it a common draft—the termination of competitive bidding for untried collegians. The common draft was the primary purpose of the merger.

Al Davis' fiendish plan for capitulation of the Nationals never could be put into application. But the ideals of his concept are the reason the AFC in 1975 dominates Pete Rozelle's empire.

Old NFL quarterbacks he sought to make captive—John Brodie, John Unitas, Bart Starr, Sonny Jurgensen—have retired. Others—Roman Gabriel, Bill Munson, Fran Tarkenton—have aged.

The Americans simply have beaten the bejabbers out of the NFC in peacetime at the common draft. The AFC drafted wiser and with more flamboyance—quarterbacks and athletes for all positions. Because of the draft the AFC monopolizes the elite corps of young quarterbacks in pro football—Bradshaw, Griese, Plunkett, Stabler, Dan Pastorini, Ken Anderson, Joe Ferguson, Mike Phipps. Because of the draft, glamor athletes such as Simpson, Greene, Harris, Cliff Branch and Otis Armstrong play in the AFC, for descendents of the extinct AFL.

And the NFC struggles in abject despair to catch up.

The Vikings, as a unit, exemplify the deficiencies of the NFC. They manhandled their compatriots in the NFC the past two years. And then in January the

AFC's Dolphins and Steelers manhandled them in the last two Super Bowls.

Minnesota has so many fossils now George Allen envies Bud Grant. Age has wearied this club, made it decrepit.

Chuck Knox' Rams come up as the NFC's single superpower, the club destined for Super Bowl X in Miami. They should have been there in Super Bowl IX . . . but. Knox was asked during the offseason how the Rams could play with the strongest defense in the NFC, yet recover a meager three enemy fumbles in 14 games.

"The ball didn't bounce for us," said Knox, a man not given to passionate rhetoric.

Certainly, the ball did not bounce favorable for the Rams the Sunday they lost to the Vikings in the comic-laced 1974 NFC championship game.

The Rams should win this year in the NFC West by default. The 49ers have faded and plunge downward. The Saints and Falcons are not viable franchises yet. They started even with some of the AFC clubs in the expansions of the late 1960s—and proceeded to travel in reverse.

Despite its age and its typecast as a Super Bowl loser, the Vikings remain the strongest club in the NFC Central. Once the NFC Central was characterized in literature as the Black and Blue Division. There was the romantic image of bruising toughness, cold and calculated defensive football.

But in 1975, this is a mythical illusion from a distant past. It was black and blue in the Central when Lombardi ruled with totalitarian authority in Green Bay. It was black and blue when Joe Kapp played in Minnesota and Alan Page and his defensive comrades were younger. It was black and blue when Alex Karras snapped passers in half for Detroit before he became Vocal Yokel Howard Cosell's comic relief. It was black and blue when Dick Butkus jabbed at eyeballs and maimed the opposition for Chicago.

There have been vast changes in the Central, presaging rapid improvement at Chicago and Green



SUPER BOWL action shows Pittsburgh's ROCKY BLEIER (20) being stopped by Minnesota's PAUL KRAUSE (22) and JEFF WRIGHT (23) after 13-yard pickup.

Bay. But it would be premature to predict that the presence of Jim Finks with the Bears and Bart Starr with the Packers could abort the divisional domination of the Vikings. Meanwhile, the Lions have finished second the past six seasons. They show no overt ambition to alter their syndrome.

The competitive NFC race should occur in the East. The division is a melting pot of mediocrity. The Cowboys had been in the playoffs eight successive Decembers. Until last year. They should return this year. Dallas, it seems, knows better than most the knack of successful replenishment for an aging team. Allen's Redskins will challenge, as will the Cardinals. The Cardinals

scaled to the division title last year, using much good fortune enroute.

The Eagles are a team gradually headed upward, but there are inadequacies. The Giants? Well, they are one of the pioneer teams in the NFC which have perpetuated tradition. They allowed themselves to be bypassed by avoidance of progressive methods.

It is the Rams in the NFC in 1975 . . . the lone team in the conference which can cope with the superpowers of the AFC.

But it would not be surprising the morning after Super Bowl X to observe some AFC runner sauntering through the Miami airport lugging a souvenir set of rams' horns as a trophy.



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When Chuck Knox arrived in the land of make believe to coach the Los Angeles Rams, the Hollywood people responded with benign amusement.

"Chuck who?" declared one who lacked imagination.

"Well, I've heard of Fort Knox," condescended another who did possess some elan.

Two years later Chuck Knox is as well-known and highly respected in this town of tinsel as Walter Alston. Alston likewise is a no-nonsense taciturn rugged fundamentalist who manages expertly for the Dodgers.

"The Rams have a solid foundation," says Knox. "Two years of hard work, of learning and teaching and experimenting have paid off. We have built a foundation not only of expertise and know-how, but pride. We hope those are the things that will take us further in 1975."

Knox, like Alston, lacks the Hollywood trait of swashbuckling flair. Carroll Rosenbloom does possess an abundance of this quality. Rosenbloom owns this football franchise which was resurrected during the last two years.

The man has an uncanny ability to select obscure men with high quotients of head coaching potential. In Baltimore, he first made Weeb Ewbank, then Don Shula, then Don McCafferty his head coaches. Each attested to Rosenbloom's wisdom. Each would eventually coach in the Super Bowl and win.

Knox' credentials were as limited as the others' when Rosenbloom interviewed and hired him. His football playing career was confined to college—at Juniata, of all places. He never played pro. He previously had been only an assistant coach in college and later with the Jets and Lions. When the Lions unwisely passed

Knox over for a head coaching vacancy, Rosenbloom immediately capitalized on the faux pas.

The Rams had been a perennial loser since the halcyon 1950s except for a brief renaissance during the tumultuous regime of George Allen. In the first season under Knox, the Rams went 12-2—the best record in franchise history. They won the Western title. Last year they won it again at 10-4 and went as far as the NFC championship game. This season? The Rams ought to make it to the Super Bowl.

Swashbuckling flair in the land of make believe?

Never before in the documented annals of pro football has a contender junked a winning quarterback in midseason and installed an untested raw passer to complete the schedule. This is exactly what the Rams did last October. It was daring, bold—and the net result is the Rams are strengthened for 1975.

In their calculated gamble, they exiled John Hadl to Green Bay in an astonishing trade for five high draft choices. The suddenly elevated quarterback was James Harris . . . black, inexperienced, castoff previously by Buffalo.

James Harris proceeded to win seven of the final nine games, accompanied by his spectacular cast of All-Stars. The Rams won their division and almost went to the Super Bowl with Harris at QB. He ranked second among NFC passers, but statistics are nebulous. The dubious and his detractors were stilled finally when Harris won the Pro Bowl for the NFC and was voted star of the game.

So now it is 1975 and James Harris is a proven, winning quarterback. His team has confidence in him, as much as his owner and coach did the day they took the job away from Hadl. And with

CHUCK KNOX, Coach.

Assistants: Tom Catlin, Lee Bennett, Jack Faulkner, Ken Meyer, Ray Prochaska, Elijah Pitts, Jim Wagstaff, Ray Malavasi, Ed Alsmann.



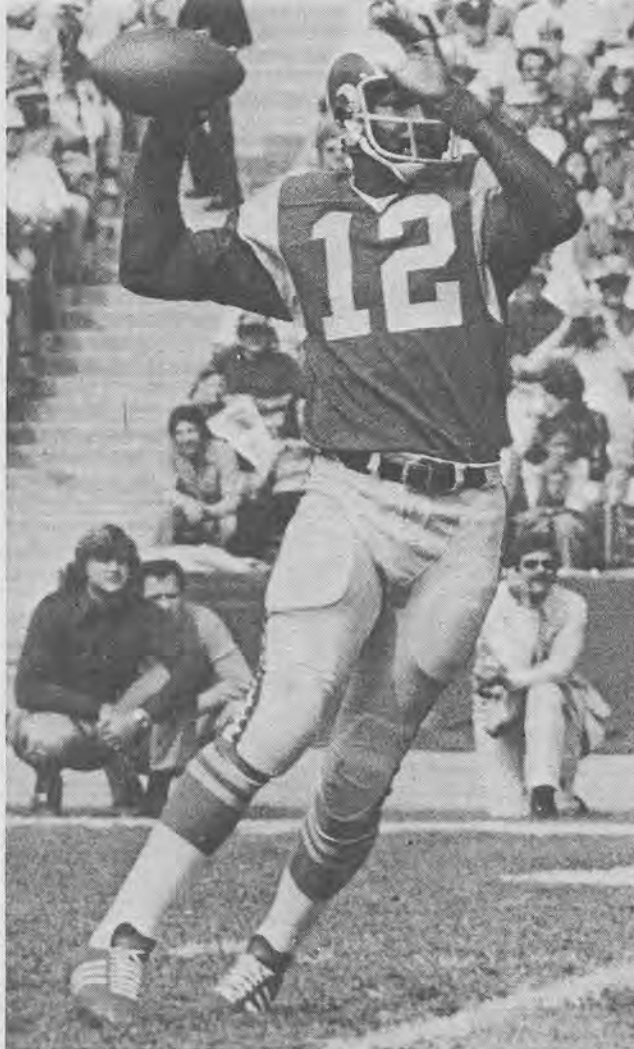
CARROLL ROSENBLOOM has built Los Angeles into NFL powerhouse.

LAWRENCE McCUTCHEON, with 1109 yards, led NFC in rushing in 1974.





CHARLIE COWAN (73), veteran offensive tackle, has played in 193 games for Los Angeles during 14-year NFL career.



JAMES HARRIS, handed the Rams starting quarterback spot last season, developed into a mature, confident leader.

their extra draft choices, the Rams have fortified themselves for the future.

It was all so terribly slick.

Knox, the fundamentalist, prefers a control run offense mixed with occasional explosives.

The running is quite potent. Lawrence McCutcheon was the strongest, most reliable runner in the NFC. He led the conference in ground gaining with 1109 yards, his second year in the still-elite Thousand-Yard Club.

McCutcheon can run with a number of mates. There is depth. Jim Bertelsen has proven a rugged back with sufficient power. John Cappelletti arrived as a rookie last year lugging the Heisman Trophy. His credentials are immense and he should be a contributor now. Tony Baker's asset is his ability to barge across the goal line from close in and gain first downs at short-yardage time. Baker is a specialist at a regular position.

The pass offense has both short and long-range capabilities. McCutcheon, coming out of the backfield, was Harris' favorite receiver. As such, McCutcheon led the Rams in pass receiving. He is an extremely versatile athlete.

There is a wide threat always with the swift Harold Jackson netting opposing cornerbacks. Because of Harris' mighty arm and Jackson's speed, the element of explosive surprise exists on every down.

Out wide with Jackson are Jack Snow, the capable veteran, and rehabilitated Lance Rentzel, who retains value. The Rams added veteran Otto Stowe.

Pat Curran and Bob Klein are the incumbent tight ends. Klein excels as a blocker. There are some plans of shifting him inside to the interior line. Klein is not pleased with such conversation.

The offensive line is an old strong area—it could be too old. The Rams do not smugly stand

pat. They dealt their resident center, Ken Iman, to the Cardinals. Rich Saul likely will inherit that job. The rest of the line this year should remain intact. Charlie Cowan and John Williams are excellent tackles and Tom Mack and Joe Scibelli are outstanding guards.

But the tackles and guards will be challenged.

The Rams because of their trading guile this year had three first-round draft choices. Two were offensive linemen, Dennis Harrah and Doug France.

Merlin Olsen is the last of the old Fearsome Foursome on the defensive line. At 35, he is returning for a 15th season for a simple reason. He intends to play in a Super Bowl. It is a noble objective. The rest of the line is younger, but experienced and plays with deathly enthusiasm. Fred Dryer and Jack Youngblood are fine pass rushers. Larry Brooks pairs exceptionally well

with Olsen at tackle. The unit led the NFC in quarterback traps with 44.

And for the future, the Rams' first of the three No. 1 draftees was defensive tackle Mike Fanning out of Notre Dame.

The linebacking is devastating.



JACK YOUNGBLOOD was an All-NFC choice last year at defensive end.

HAROLD JACKSON, speedy receiver, caught 30 passes in '74 for Rams.



Jack Reynolds plays in the middle with Isiah Robertson and Ken Geddes outside. Robertson is All-Pro caliber. And there is depth provided by Jim Youngblood and Bob Stein.

The secondary is an area which could be improved. Still, it plays decently well. Incumbents are Dave Elmendorf and Bill Simpson at the safeties and Charlie Stukes and Al Clark at the corners. Eddie McMillan, a young vet, could break in. The Rams drafted four cornerbacks with an eye to changes. Monte Jackson, a second-round pick, is regarded as the best.

The kicking department is in a flux situation. There was some unhappiness with David Ray, who led the entire NFL in scoring two years ago. Consequently, the Rams this past offseason traded for Tom Dempsey, who once kicked the record 63-yard field goal. Dempsey, with the famed half-foot from a birth defect, has great range, which helps with the goal posts now on the end lines. But he has accuracy problems. The duel between Ray and Dempsey should be intriguing.

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING—Ray, 52 points on 25 XP, 9 field goals 11th
RUSHING—McCutcheon, 236 carries for 1109 yds., 4.7 Avg., 3 TDs 1st
PASSING—Harris, 106 of 198 attempts for 1544 yds., 11 TDs 2nd
RECEIVING—McCutcheon 39 receptions for 408 yds., 2 TDs 18th
INTERCEPTIONS—Elmendorf, 7 for 186 yds., 26.6 Avg., 2 TDs 2nd
PUNTING—Burke, 46 punts, 37.0 Avg., longest 51 yds. 11th
PUNT RETURNS—Bryant, 17 for 171 yds., 10.1 Avg. 11th
KICKOFF RETURNS—Bryant, 23 for 617 yds., 26.8 Avg., 1 TD 4th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 DALLAS (N)
 16 SAN FRANCISCO (N)
 23 AT Buffalo (N)
 30 AT Kansas City (N)
 Sept. 6 PHILADELPHIA (N)
 11 OAKLAND (N)

	1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept.	21 AT Dallas	—
	28 AT San Francisco	15-13
Oct.	5 BALTIMORE	—
	12 AT San Diego	—
	19 ATLANTA	21-0
	26 NEW ORLEANS	24-0
Nov.	3 AT Philadelphia (N)	—
	9 SAN FRANCISCO	37-14
	16 AT Atlanta	30-7
	23 CHICAGO	—
	27 AT Detroit	16-13
Dec.	7 AT New Orleans	24-0
	14 GREEN BAY	6-17
	20 PITTSBURGH	—

Mike Burke is the returning punter, but he could be vulnerable.

Knox pays special attention to the game of kick returns and kick coverage, a vital part of football. Bertelsen and Cullen Bryant are savvy return men.

Tying it all together, the Rams have the finest talent in the NFC—and the best chance of winning a championship and ending AFC dominance in the Super Bowl.

RAMS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
35	Baker, Tony	RB	5-11	215	30	8	Iowa St.
56	Baska, Rich	LB	6-3	225	23	1	UCLA
45	Bertelsen, Jim	RB	5-11	205	25	4	Texas
90	Brooks, Larry	DT	6-3	255	25	4	Va. State
32	Bryant, Cullen	RB	6-1	218	24	3	Colorado
11	Burke, Mike	P-K	5-10	188	25	2	Miami, (Fla.)
22	Cappelletti, John	RB	6-1	217	24	2	Penn St.
44	Clark, Al	CB	6-0	185	27	5	East. Mich.
73	Cowan, Charlie	T	6-4	265	37	15	N.Mex.H'ands
88	Curran, Pat	TE	6-3	238	29	7	Lakeland
19	Dempsey, Tom	K	6-1	265	28	7	Polomar
37	Drake, Bill	S	6-1	195	25	3	Oregon
89	Dryer, Fred	DE	6-6	240	29	7	S. Diego St.
42	Elmendorf, Dave	S	6-1	195	26	5	Tex. A&M
46	Fink, Mike	CB	5-11	185	24	2	Missouri
36	Geddes, Ken	LB	6-3	235	27	5	Nebraska
12	Harris, James	QB	6-4	210	28	6	Grambling
63	Horton, Greg	G	6-4	245	24	1	Colorado
50	Iman, Ken	C	6-1	240	36	15	So. east Mo.
29	Jackson, Harold	WR	5-10	175	29	8	Jackson St.
16	Jaworski, Ron	QB	6-2	185	24	2	Youngstown
51*	Johnson, Sam	LB	6-3	225	23	1	Arizona St.
76	Jones, Cody	DE-DT	6-5	240	24	2	S. Jose St.
62	Jones, Tom	G	6-3	255	25	1	No. ern Iowa
34	Josephson, Les	RB	6-1	207	33	11	Augustana
52	Kay, Rick	LB	6-4	235	25	2	Colorado
54	Kelso, Al	C	6-6	255	24	1	Washington
80	Klein, Bob	TE	6-5	235	28	7	So. Calif.
65	Mack, Tom	G	6-3	250	31	10	Michigan
39	McCoy, Mike	S-CB	5-11	180	23	1	West. Ky.
30	McCutcheon, L.	RB	6-1	205	25	3	Colorado St.
24	McGee, Willie	WR	5-11	178	25	3	Alcorn A&M
41	McMillan, Eddie	CB	6-0	190	23	3	Florida St.
15	Milan, Don	QB	6-3	200	26	1	Cal Poly
67	Nelson, Bill	DT	6-7	270	27	5	Oregon St.
83	Nelson, Terry	TE	6-2	230	24	2	Ark. AM&N
74	Olsen, Merlin	DT	6-5	270	34	14	Utah St.
57	Peterson, Jim	LB	6-5	240	25	2	S. Diego St.
21	Plummer, Tony	S	5-11	190	28	6	Pacific
20	Preece, Steve	S	6-1	195	28	7	Oregon St.
27	Ray, David	K-P	6-0	195	30	7	Alabama
19	Rentzel, Lance	WR	6-2	202	31	10	Oklahoma
64	Reynolds, Jack	LB	6-1	232	27	6	Tennessee
58	Robertson, Isiah	LB	6-3	225	26	5	Southern
17	Sanger, Rich	P	6-0	215	23	1	Nebraska
61	Saul, Rich	C-G	6-3	235	27	6	Mich. St.
71	Scibelli, Joe	G	6-0	255	36	15	Notre Dame
33	Scribner, Rob	RB	6-0	200	24	3	UCLA
48	Simpson, Bill	S	6-1	180	23	2	Mich. St.
84	Snow, Jack	WR	6-2	190	32	11	Notre Dame
66	Stein, Bob	LB	6-3	235	27	7	Minnesota
78	Stokes, Tim	T	6-5	252	25	2	Oregon
82	Stowe, Otto	WR	6-2	189	26	5	Iowa State
47	Stukes, Charlie	CB	6-3	212	31	9	Md. State
26	Walker, Lonnie	S	6-2	180	24	3	Central (O.)
75	Williams, John	T	6-3	256	29	8	Minnesota
85	Youngblood, Jack	DE	6-4	255	25	5	Florida
53	Youngblood, Jim	LB	6-3	239	25	3	Tenn. Tech

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
86	Allen, Arthur	WR	5-10	160	23	Clark
8	Ballina, Jose	K	5-10	180	22	No. ridge
3	Boyd, Skip	P	6-1	212	22	Washington
79	Fanning, Mike	DE	6-6	260	22	Notre Dame
77	France, Doug	OT	6-5	260	22	Ohio St.
10	Haden, Pat	QB	5-11	180	22	U.S.C.
68	Hammond, W.	DT	6-5	257	22	Mont. State
60	Harrah, Dennis	OT	6-5	257	22	Miami (Fla.)
28	Jackson, Monte	CB	5-10	189	22	S. Diego St.
25	Jacobs, A. J.	CB	6-2	185	22	Louisville
70	Jones, Leroy	DE	6-6	250	25	Norfolk St.
87	McCarthy, D.	WR	6-1	170	23	S. C. State
5	Morales, Herman	K	5-9	170	24	Colo. State
81	Nugent, Dan	TE	6-3	250	22	Auburn
51*	Nuzum, Rick	C	6-4	230	23	Kentucky
49	Perry, Rod	CB	5-9	170	21	Colorado
59*	Reece, Geoff	C	6-4	230	23	Wash. St.
43	Reynolds, F.	RB	5-11	197	23	Alcorn A&M
59*	Riegel, Gordon	LB	6-5	230	23	Stanford
14	Stafford, Charles	K	5-8	160	22	Tex. So. ern
31	Strickland, H.	RB	5-10	185	23	California
23	Washington, J.	CB	6-2	202	22	Tulane
9	White, Alvin	QB	6-3	220	22	Oregon St.
82	Williams, C.	WR	6-1	180	23	Lincoln

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

PREDICTION 2ND

Pro football embodies the love-hate syndrome which inflames the passions of people. Nowhere else are football mercenaries annointed with more idolatry and treated with more vicious contempt than in San Francisco.

John Brodie once was a folk-hero in this lovely city—and simultaneously he was an object of scorn and aberrant abuse. The fickle cultists would shower him with cheers and they would sprinkle him with debris. Often on the same Sunday.

Brodie traipsed off to a sanctuary in the broadcast booth now. And an era of title-winning has ended for the 49ers.

The love-hate emotional paradox quite often is generated by quarterbacks. It is a hazardous profession and the individual is made vulnerable by the feelings of the constituents and himself. When Brodie played, Steve Spurrier waited. He had his supporters among the hate-Brodie subculture. And when Brodie retired, Spurrier's nominal promotion to No. 1 deterred by preseason injury.

So last year the 49ers employed five quarterbacks, among them craggy, ubiquitous Norm Snead. The most glittering of this passing quintet turned out to be young Tom Owen. Owen was a 13th round draft choice out of Wichita State. As a rookie, he became a regular in the second

DICK NOLAN, Coach.

Assistants: Ed Beard, Rich Brooks, Lew Erber, Bob Hollway, Dick Stanfel, Don Heinrich, Doug Scovil.

half of last season. The 49ers broke a seven-game losing streak and won four of their last five with Owens at quarterback.

Thus, this year the youngster is reckoned to be the first candidate at the position which divides the inhabitants of San Francisco. Coach Dick Nolan tabbed Owen as the most likely among the contingent of quarterback suppliants. This left Spurrier, long the heir apparent understudy, considerably miffed.

"I played second string seven years while John Brodie started," the now impatient Spurrier has said. "We were winning then and being a backup wasn't insulting. Now it's frustrating. If these guys aren't going to play me, they should ship me elsewhere and get a young guy to be backup."

Snead and five free agent rookies are joined with Owen and Spurrier in the same competition.

Such quarterback contests not only causes insidious partisanship among the populace, but have a divisive influence on the entire team, too.

No matter whom Nolan settles upon to play quarterback, the selectee will be blessed with the finest receiving corps in the NFC. There is the meteoric Gene Washington, a touchdown grabbing acrobat, wide at one post. There are times when there is no better receiver than Washington in pro football. At the other wide spot is Danny Abramowicz, who lacks speed but plays with peerless finesse. Together they drive opposing cornerbacks daft. And young Terry Beasley provides San Francisco with a third superior wide receiver.

Tom Mitchell is a skilled tight-end at a position abandoned by former All-Pro Ted Kwalick. The 49ers failed to convince Kwalick to stay. He jumped to the WFL in anger.

The 49ers traditionally have played with canny runners. The latest to fit into this status is sec-

TOM OWEN, a 13th round draft choice, was 49ers starting quarterback in second half of 1974 and directed team to four victories in five games.



ond-year back Wilbur Jackson. As a rookie, Jackson was the No. 8 runner in the conference with 705 yards.

Jackson runs with the volcanic Larry Schreiber, a favorite of the San Francisco set. In addition, the 49ers have added firepower in newcomers Kermit Johnson and Wayne Bullock. Johnson was lured from the WFL, where he ran with alacrity. Bullock was a menacing runner at Notre Dame.

Nolan believes the frequent line casualties of seasons past could now benefit the 49ers in 1975. Assorted injuries to regulars over the past three seasons enabled others to develop the exacting techniques of blocking. When set, the 49ers have a powerful line anchored by the imposing Forrest Blue at center. Woody Peoples and John Watson, both injured last year at times, return as the starting guards. Cas Banaszek, who played injured much of the season, and hoary Len Rhode are the incumbent tackles. Rhode, now in his 15th season, stayed together sufficiently last year to perpetuate his iron man string to 208 consecutive games. Behind these stalwarts are Jean Barrett, Bob Penchion and Keith Farnhorst, all seasoned.

FRANK NUNLEY, veteran linebacker, regained starting job last season.



FORREST BLUE, 49ers center, is an unheralded but consistent player.



TOMMY HART, defensive end, gives San Francisco a strong pass rush.

Repair work is needed on the 49ers' defense.

The pass rush was not as smothering as it had been in previous years, in 1974. At the draft, the 49ers selected three collegiate defensive linemen in the first four rounds. Their top choice was Jimmy Webb, out of Mississippi State. Webb could become a rookie starter at either tackle position. The competition is with veterans Bill Belk, Bob Hoskins, Stan Hindman and Rolf Krueger. In addition last year's No. 1 draftee, Bill Sandifer, has recovered from the knee surgery which incapacitated him until the late season surge.

While there is keen competition at defensive tackle, the end jobs are consigned to returnees Cedrick Hardman and Tommy Hart. They provide the heavy rush from the outside. Hardman broke into the league six years ago as an egotistic rookie with the nickname Nasty. At times, he has played to his self-proclaimed reputation. Hart is quite dependable.

The 49ers juggle and tinker annually at linebacker. The venerable Dave Wilcox, perennially All-Pro, announced his retirement in a springtime huff. Presumably it was a ploy in his negotiations. The 49ers urgently

need him on the left side, for he is the catalyst to their defense. The rightside linebacker is Willie Harper, about whom the 49ers rave. He took the job away from veteran Skip Vanderbunt two years ago. Vanderbunt now looms as Wilcox' successor—unless the 49ers persuade their veteran spirit leader to return. In the middle, ebullient Frank Nunley is the starter again. He was the regular earlier in his career, lost his job and last year recaptured it. Tom Hull plays behind Nunley. Deeply involved in the competition now is rookie Greg Collins, out of Notre Dame. Collins, as soon as he gains some experience, could compensate for the possible absence of Wilcox.

Jimmy Johnson also mulled retirement, but he seemingly has decided to return at left cornerback. Not many mortals can perform at cornerback at age 37 and be one of the three finest at the complex position. Johnson is such a rarity. He improves and this will be his 15th season. Opposing quarterbacks dread him.

The rest of the 49ers' secondary could be vulnerable. Bruce Taylor is a superb athlete at the opposite cornerback position. But sometimes he is defeated by his own temper. At the safeties, Mel





BRUCE GOSSETT, 49ers placekicker, scored 58 points in 1974 season.

TOM WITTUM, 49ers punter, grabs high pass from center before kick.



Phillips, Windlan Hall, Mike Holmes and Ralph McGill return for camp competition.

But it seems likely Tim Anderson will win a starting job. Anderson is listed as a rookie. That is a technicality. He was the 49ers' No. 1 draftee in 1971. They failed to sign him until this year. Anderson has been hardened by four years of combat in the Canadian League, where secondary play is as arduous as in the NFL.

In placekicker Bruce Gossett and punter Tom Wittum, the 49ers have experience and ability. But Gossett, a longtime campaigner, could be in some danger. The 49ers, on the third round, drafted Steve Mike-Mayer, college football's premier kicker in 1974. He is a soccer-stylist whose brother Nick kicks for the Falcons.

The 49ers have some burners on their kick teams—notably Taylor, McGill, Jackson and Manfred Moore.

San Francisco has many capable football players. But the jittery, unsettled situation at quarterback could be destructive. It

will be a year when the football cultists in San Francisco can both love and hate their home team.

49ers' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
46	Abramowicz, D.	WR	6-0	193	30	9	Xavier
79	Banaszek, Cas	T	6-3	255	29	8	No'western
77	Barrett, Jean	T-C	6-6	254	24	3	Tulsa
88	Beasley, Terry	WR	5-10	182	25	3	Auburn
65	Beisler, Randy	G-T	6-5	247	30	10	Indiana
72	Belk, Bill	DE-DT	6-4	248	29	8	Mo.-E. Shore
50	Belser, Ceasar	LB	6-0	205	30	8	Ark AM&N
80	Bettiga, Mike	WR	6-3	193	25	2	Humboldt
75	Blue, Forrest	C	6-6	265	30	8	Auburn
81	Chandler, Al	TE	6-2	229	24	3	Oklahoma
71	Fahnhorst, Keith	T	6-6	255	23	2	Minnesota
30	Gossett, Bruce	K	6-1	229	33	12	Richmond
43	Hall, Windlan	S	5-11	175	25	4	Arizona St.
86	Hardman, C.	DE	6-4	258	26	6	No. Texas
63	Hardy, Ed	G	6-4	242	23	3	Jackson St.
59	Harper, Willie	LB	6-2	219	25	3	Nebraska
53	Hart, Tommy	DE	6-4	248	30	8	Mor. Brown
74	Hindman, Stan	DT	6-4	245	31	8	Mississippi
47	Hollas, Hugo	S	6-0	190	29	5	Rice
20	Holmes, Mike	CB-S	6-2	193	25	2	Tex. So'ern
56	Hoskins, Bob	DT	6-3	251	30	6	Wichita
54	Hull, Tom	LB	6-3	229	23	2	Penn State
40	Jackson, Wilbur	RB	6-1	215	23	2	Alabama
37	Johnson, Jimmy	CB	6-2	185	37	15	UCLA
48	Johnson, Sammy	RB	6-0	223	22	2	No. Carolina
78	Krueger, R. DE-DT	6-4	253	27	7	7	Texas A&M
49	McGill, Ralph	CB-S	5-11	183	25	4	Tulsa
58	McKoy, Billy	LB	6-3	215	27	5	Purdue
84	Mitchell, Tom	TE	6-3	215	31	9	Bucknell
45	Moore, Manfred	RB	6-0	194	24	2	So'ern Cal.
57	Nunley, Frank	LB	6-2	234	29	9	Michigan
14	Owen, Tom	QB	6-1	194	22	2	Wichita
66	Penchion, Bob	G	6-6	252	26	4	Alcorn St.
69	Peoples, Woody	G	6-2	252	22	8	Grambling
32	Phillips, Mel	S	6-2	191	33	10	N. C. A&T
76	Rohde, Len	T	6-4	248	37	16	Utah State
60	Sandifer, Bill	DT	6-6	278	22	2	UCLA
33	Saunders, J.	CB-S	6-2	196	25	4	Toledo
35	Schreiber, Larry	RB	6-0	209	27	5	Tenn. Tech
16	Snead, Norman	QB	6-4	215	36	15	Wake Forest
11	Spurrier, Steve	QB	6-2	198	30	9	Florida
44	Taylor, Bruce	CB	6-0	189	27	6	Boston U.
52	Vanderbundt, S.	LB	6-3	223	28	7	Oregon St.
18	Washington, G.	WR	6-2	185	28	7	Stanford
67	Watson, John	G	6-4	245	26	5	Oklahoma
85	West, Robert	WR	6-3	218	24	4	S. Diego St.
64	Wilcox, Dave	LB	6-3	239	32	12	Oregon
24	Williams, Del	RB	6-0	195	23	2	Kansas
13	Wittum, Tom	K-P	6-1	190	25	3	North Ill.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Anderson, Tim	CB-S	5-11	201	26	Ohio St.
August, Bill	QB	6-1	185	24	Brig. Young
Baker, Wayne	DT	6-6	266	22	Brig. Young
Barragan, A.	G-P	6-3	220	22	Carroll
Barron, Stephen	WR	6-2	195	24	Pomona
Birkenbuel, D.	LB	6-0	210	22	Montana St.
Blanchard, John	S	6-1	190	22	Stanford
Bordigioni, Ron	LB	6-3	225	22	Tulsa
Bullock, Wayne	RB	6-0	232	22	Notre Dame
Clark, Randy	LB	6-2	218	22	Purdue
Collins, Greg	LB	6-3	228	22	Notre Dame
Cook, William	WR	6-2	188	25	Ky. State
Douglas, Ceasar	T	6-5	272	21	Illinois Wes.
Downey, Dennis	S	6-2	195	22	Oregon St.
Elam, Cleveland	DE	6-3	225	23	Tenn. State
Farrar, John	LB	6-1	235	25	Livingston
Gunnels, Mike	WR	6-2	190	23	Northridge
Hall, Keith	RB	5-10	185	25	Wharton JC
Hanna, Mike	LB	6-2	230	23	TCU
Hardy, Ron	DE	6-3	225	22	Purdue
Hart, Jeff	T	6-5	266	21	Oregon St.
Henson, David	WR	6-3	173	22	Ab. Christ
Hernandez, G.	CB-S	6-2	173	22	TCU
Johnson, James	CB	6-2	200	25	Tenn. State
Johnson, Kermit	LB	5-11	189	23	UCLA
Jones, Edward	CB	5-10	185	22	S. Fran. St.
Kendrick, P.	DE	6-2	217	22	Florida
Khazaly, Fred	SS	6-0	185	24	S. Jose St.
Kimball, Craig	QB	6-1	198	22	S. Jose St.
Kubowicz, Mike	G	6-2	230	23	New Mexico
Lavin, Rich	TE	6-5	223	23	West. Ill.
Layton, Donnie	RB	6-0	192	23	S. C. State
Lege, Kenneth	WR	5-11	185	23	New Mexico
Mathis, G.	CB-S	6-3	200	23	Idaho St.
Mike-Mayer, S.	K	6-0	178	27	Maryland
Mitchell, Dale	LB	6-3	211	22	So'ern Cal.
Natale, Dan	TE	6-3	221	22	Penn State
Nester, Ray	LB	6-2	232	23	Mich. State
Nielsen, John	G-C	6-3	245	23	No College
Noble, Bob	DE	6-6	235	23	Arizona St.
Oliver, Frank	CB	6-1	189	23	Ky. State
Olson, Robert	G	6-4	245	22	Stanford
Parker, Stan	DE	6-3	240	21	Purdue
Reid, Bill	C	6-2	242	23	Stanford
Scott, Eric	QB	6-2	192	22	Illinois St.
Sims, Mark	DE	6-4	255	23	S. Diego St.
Talley, Jimmy	C	6-2	235	23	E. Tex. St.
Terrizzi, Mike	QB-P	6-3	205	21	Purdue
Toomay, Craig	G	6-5	250	22	S. Jose St.
Wagner, Joe	QB	6-2	185	24	LaCrosse
Webb, Jimmy	DT	6-5	248	23	Miss. State
Zarkovich, Vinve	TE	6-4	218	22	U.S. Int.

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Gossett, 58 points on 25 XP, 11 field goals		8th
RUSHING —Jackson, 174 carries for 705 yds., 4.1 Avg.		8th
PASSING —Owen, 88 of 184 attempts for 1327 yds., 10 TDs		11th
RECEIVING —Schreiber, 30 receptions for 217 yds., 1 TD		36th
INTERCEPTIONS —McGill, 5 for 71 yds., 14.2 Avg.		9th
PUNTING —Wittum, 68 punts, 41.2 Avg., longest 67 yds.		2nd
PUNT RETURNS —McGill, 20 for 166 yds., 8.3 Avg.		13th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Holmes, 25 for 612 yds., 24.5 Avg.		6th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	10 CLEVELAND
	16 AT Los Angeles (N)
	21 AT San Diego (N)
	30 AT Oakland (N)
Sept.	7 DENVER
	13 AT Green Bay (N)

1975 SCHEDULE

		1974 Scores
Sept.	21 AT Minnesota	—
	28 LOS ANGELES	13-15
Oct.	5 AT Kansas City	—
	12 ATLANTA	27-0
	19 NEW ORLEANS	35-21
	26 AT New England	—
Nov.	2 DETROIT	13-17
	9 AT Los Angeles	14-37
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Dec.	7 HOUSTON	—
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PREDICTION 3RD

For some among the proliferating franchises of professional football, success is rapid . . . almost immediate. Examples are the Dolphins and Bengals. For others, it takes four decades to discover a method for progress. The resounding example is the Steelers, who eventually made it.

The Saints, who started business in the same expansion epoch of the late 1960s with the Dolphins and Bengals, have resorted to the garage-sale method of creation. They have tried with decrepit veterans whose exploits were recorded in yellowing scrapbooks. That failed. They have tried with trades for underlings who yearned for their chance to perform. That failed. They drafted super collegians whose scrapbook clippings were fresh and aglow. That failed. They tried by scouring the waiver lists to stockpile bargains. That failed. They banished coaches and hired new ones. That failed.

Every method has failed for the Saints, who began in 1967. They remain intact, still locked in the gullible ways of their origin.

There is optimism now. There always is. There have been meager signs over the past two seasons, since affable John North became coach, that soon there will be gradual upgrading. They did manage five victories each year. Other clubs have been worse.

"To a team that just might have been the Saints' best ever in 1974, we've added players from what we have reason to believe could be the club's most productive draft," said North. "Now we've got to get all these people working together, have at least a little bit of luck, and stay healthy—and the Saints could stir up some excitement in 1975."

The draft is their method again—and the club's 1975

catchword is speed.

The Saints' chief addition is their No. 1 draft choice, Larry Burton. He was an Olympic sprinter, which does not make him unique in pro football. Bob Hayes won in the Olympics before joining the Cowboys. Earl McCullough foresook the Olympics to play for the Lions. John Carlos tried it unsuccessfully with the Eagles and in Canada.

Burton, out of Purdue, has an attribute Hayes had at times and the others lacked. He not only runs fast, but he catches the football in dense traffic. This is of considerable value to a team in urgent need of offense.

"He's going to open up all kinds of possibilities on offense just being on the field," North said of Burton.

This is sweet optimism for a coach whose team managed a paucity of 20 touchdowns last

year. Twenty is not very many touchdowns in a year when the goalposts were transported 10 yards farther away. Merely three clubs scored fewer.

North, an old receiver, candidly reveals a preference for ground control offense.

"We're not opposed to throwing the football," North said, "but we do prefer to stress the ground game first. We've been able to move the ball that way."

After many years of slapdash experimentation and player shuttling, the Saints have found some viable runners. The name Alvin Maxson does not by its own melodious sound cause defenses to tremble. It takes an O. J. Simpson or Franco Harris or Larry Csonka or Lawrence McCutcheon to give a linebacker the shakes. Maxson was a slightly regarded draft choice from Southern Methodist. As a rookie he

ALVIN MAXSON, New Orleans running back, gained 714 yards on ground and caught 42 passes for 294 yards in his rookie season with Saints in 1974.





LARRY BURTON, ex-Olympic sprinter, was Saints' No. 1 draft selection.

ran for 714 yards in 1974 to lead his team. Only six runners on the 13 NFC teams ran for more. In addition, Maxson led his run-oriented team with 42 pass receptions.

Running with Maxson is Jess Phillips, who gained 556 yards. In specified situations, such as near the goal line, North sticks 5-foot-5 Howard Stevens into the backfield. He runs under 'em. Reserve backs are Bill Butler, Odell Lawson and Rod McNeill. The Saints went heavily for backs in the draft. The most notable was Andrew Jones, a third-round pick.

Five years ago Archie Manning was drafted to play quarterback and invigorate this struggling expansion franchise. He has endured a mercurial career of highs and lows. Last year Manning was ailing. He was almost traded. He actually was supplanted by Bobby Scott and Larry Cipa. But nonetheless he

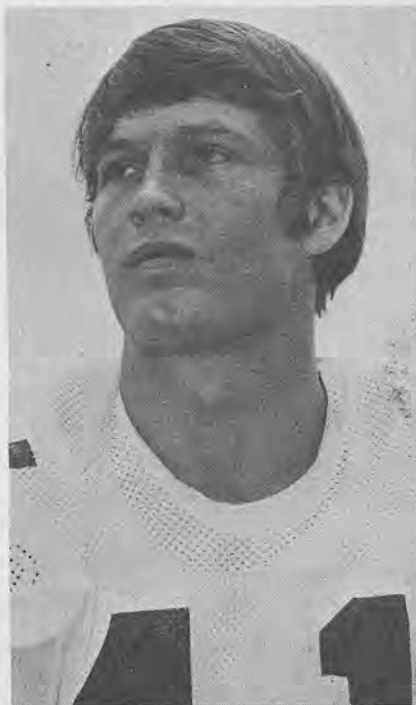
remains the central figure on this football team. Manning is ready to win—if his teammates were only winners themselves.

The receiving is young and tender—and potentially exciting. There is Burton, who will play. North has returnees in Bob Newland and Joel Parker, each with ability. Al Barnes, ex of the Lions, has been added from the WFL list. Paul Seal, now a second-year man, is a quality tight end.

The line breaks down at inopportune moments. Therefore, the Saints traded defensive end Billy Newsome for a second No. 1 draft choice. The choice was used for Kurt Schumacher, who could start at either guard or tackle on the offensive line. Holdovers are Emanuel Zanders, a rookie free agent last year. Dave Thompson, the venerable Jake Kupp, John Didion and Don Morrison. Lee Gross, the second-round draft pick, could become an interior line starter.

"Our defense kept us in most all of our games," North said. "It never completely fell apart—even in the face of some discouraging situations. It's not a unit that's loaded with All-Pro characters . . . although some

BOB NEWLAND caught 29 passes for 489 yards for Saints during 1974.



ARCHIE MANNING has potential to be a star and may realize it yet.

should soon be recognized that way."

It actually is a nondescript defense. But it was good enough to account for victories over two division winners, the Cardinals and Rams. St. Louis was held scoreless, the Rams to one touchdown.

The trade of Newsome could be damaging, but he was disenchanted in New Orleans and will be happier with the Jets.

The line consists of Elex Price and Derland Moore inside



JOE FEDERSPIEL started every game at MLB for New Orleans last year.

and Bob Pollard and probably Joe Owens outside. Steve Baumgartner and Andy Dorris along with rookie Elois Grooms could win a starting assignment.

The linebacking unit of Joe Federspiel in the middle and Wayne Colman and Jim Merlo is agile but not large. These three mesh well together and started every game last year. In reserve are Rick Middleton, Don Coleman and Rick Kingrea.

The lead man of the secondary is Tom Myers, who plays free safety and calls the defensive signals as Larry Wilson did so long in St. Louis. Myers possesses Wilson's tough body qualities. He underwent stomach and knee surgery and managed to play 12 games anyway last year. Johnny Fuller is the incumbent strong safety, with competition from Jerry Moore, Greg Boyd and rookie John Starkebaum. At the corners are Terry Schmidt, Bivian Lee and Ernie Jackson—best two of three.

On a team like the Saints, the kicking must excel. Tom Blanchard was the NFC's top punter. In addition, he led pro football in the new statistic of coffin corner punts—those drifting out of bounds inside the 10. Blanchard had 10 of these well-aimed specialties. They are emphasized now because of the revised field goal rules—the goalposts at the end line, the errant attempts returning the ball to the line of



HOWARD STEVENS, one of smallest players in NFL, specializes in kickoff and punt returns and was one of best in both areas in league last year.

scrimmage outside the 20. Bill McClard does the Saints' field goal work and clicked on two outside 50 yards last year.

Stevens, the 5-5 wisp, specializes in kick returns and is a nuisance.

The Saints did not create success as rapidly as the Dolphins and Bengals, but, then, it shouldn't take 40 years before achievement, either.

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —McClard, 46 points on 19 XP, 9 field goals	15th
RUSHING —Maxson, 165 carries for 714 yds., 4.3 Avg., 2 TDs	7th
PASSING —Manning, 134 of 261 attempts for 1429 yds., 6 TDs	14th
RECEIVING —Maxson, 42 receptions for 294 yds., 1 TD	13th
INTERCEPTIONS —Jackson, 4 for 53 yds., 13.3 Avg.	15th
PUNTING —Blanchard, 88 punts, 42.1 Avg., longest 71 yds.	1st
PUNT RETURNS —Stevens, 37 for 376 yds., 10.2 Avg.	9th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Stevens for 749 yds., 22.7 Avg.	15th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	9 HOUSTON (N)
	16 DENVER (N)
	23 MIAMI (N)
	30 BALTIMORE (N)
Sept.	6 AT Pittsburgh (N)
	13 AT Cincinnati (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 AT Washington	—
28 CINCINNATI	—
Oct. 5 AT Atlanta	13-3
12 GREEN BAY	—
19 AT San Francisco	21-35
26 AT Los Angeles	0-24
Nov. 2 ATLANTA	14-13
9 AT Oakland	—
16 MINNESOTA	9-29
23 SAN FRANCISCO	13-17
30 AT Cleveland	—
Dec. 7 LOS ANGELES	20-7
14 AT N.Y. Giants	—
21 CHICAGO	10-24

SAINTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
20	Alderson, Tim	S	6-2	198	24	1	Minnesota
89	Anderson, F.	WR	5-11	175	24	1	Nebraska
	Barnes, Al	WR	6-1	180	26	5	N. Mex. St.
63	Baumgartner, S	DE	6-7	260	24	3	Purdue
16	Blanchard, Tom	P	6-0	190	27	5	Oregon
21	Boyd, Greg	S	6-2	201	24	3	Arizona
38	Butler, Bill	RB	6-0	210	25	4	Kansas St.
46	Childs, Henry	TE	6-2	223	24	2	Kansas St.
13	Cipa, Larry	QB	6-3	209	23	2	Michigan
55	Coleman, Don	LB	6-2	222	23	2	Michigan
59	Colman, Wayne	LB	6-1	220	29	8	Temple
86	Davis, Dave	WR	6-0	175	27	5	Tenn. St.
47	DeGrenier, Jack	RB	6-1	225	24	2	Arlington
51	Didion, John	C	6-4	255	27	7	Oregon St.
69	Dorris, Andy	DE	6-4	230	24	3	N. Mex. St.
58	Federspiel, Joe	LB	6-1	235	25	4	Kentucky
24	Fuller, Johnny	S	6-0	185	29	8	Lamar
83	Garrett, Len	TE	6-3	230	27	5	N.M. H'lands
30	Jackson, Ernie	CB	5-10	175	25	4	Duke
53	Kingrea, Rick	LB	6-1	230	26	5	Tulane
50	Kupp, Jake	G	6-3	248	34	12	Washington
67	LaPorta, Phil	T	6-4	256	23	2	Penn St.
39	Lawson, Odell	RB	6-2	205	25	5	Langston
11	Lee, Bivian	CB	6-3	200	27	5	Pr. View
8	Manning, A.	QB	6-3	215	26	5	Mississippi
87	Martin, Curtis	TE	6-3	220	26	1	L.S.U.
28	Maxson, Alvin	RB	5-11	205	23	2	S.M.U.
19	McClard, Bill	K	5-10	202	25	4	Arkansas
27	McNeill, Rod	RB	6-2	219	24	2	U.S.C.
57	Merlo, Jim	LB	6-1	225	22	3	Stanford
54	Middleton, Rick	LB	6-2	228	23	2	Ohio St.
74	Moore, Derland	DT	6-4	260	23	3	Oklahoma
25	Moore, Jerry	S	6-3	208	26	5	Arkansas
73	Moorring, John	T	6-6	255	28	5	Tampa
76	Morrison, Don	T	6-5	260	25	5	Arlington
37	Myers, Tom	S	5-11	184	24	4	Syracuse
41	Newland, Bob	WR	6-2	190	26	5	Oregon
72	Owens, Joe	DE	6-2	250	28	6	Alcorn St.
88	Parker, Joel	WR	6-5	212	23	2	Florida
34	Phillips, Jess	RB	6-1	210	28	8	Mich. St.
82	Pollard, Bob	DE-DT	6-3	250	26	5	Weber St.
75	Price, Elex	DT	6-3	260	25	3	Alcorn St.
66	Rasley, Rocky	G	6-3	255	28	6	Oregon St.
40	Schmidt, Terry	CB	6-0	177	24	2	Ball St.
12	Scott, Bobby	QB	6-1	200	26	4	Tennessee
84	Seal, Paul	TE	6-4	222	23	2	Michigan
70	Sloan, Bonnie	DE	6-5	260	27	2	Aust. Peav
29	Spencer, M.	DB	6-0	175	23	2	N. C. Cent.
22	Stevens, H.	RB	5-5	165	25	3	Clemson
65	Thompson, Dave	C-T	6-4	260	25	5	Clatsop
49	Wicks, Bob	WR	6-3	205	25	3	Utah St.
79	Zanders, Emanuel	G	6-1	263	23	2	Jackson St.

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10	Broussard, Steve	K	6-0	200	24	So. Miss.
32	Burget, Grant	RB	6-1	191	24	Oklahoma
42	Burton, Larry	WR	6-1	186	23	Purdue
62	Chambers, R.	LB	6-1	215	21	Tulane
78	Grooms, Elois	DE	6-4	240	22	Tenn. Tech
56	Gross, Lee	C-G	6-3	245	22	Auburn
45	Gustafson, Ron	WR	6-1	185	23	No. Dakota
77	Hall, Charlie	DE	6-4	250	22	Tulane
43	Heater, Chuck	RB	5-11	205	22	Michigan
36	Jones, Andrew	RB	6-2	213	23	Wash. St.
10	Lee, Danny	P	6-0	185	22	N.E. La.
52	Lemon, Mike	LB	6-2	215	24	Kansas
60	McDonald, Mike	LB	6-2	210	22	Catawba
23	Rhino, Randy	CB	5-10	176	22	Ga. Tech
26	Rogers, Steve	RB	6-2	200	22	LSU
71	Schumacher, K.	OT	6-3	260	22	Ohio St.
48	Starkebaum, John	S	6-1	213	23	Nebraska
33	Strachan, Mike	RB	6-0	195	22	Iowa St.
35	Upchurch, Jim	RB	5-11	195	25	Arizona
61	Westbrooks, G.	LB	6-2	208	22	Colorado



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ATLANTA FALCONS

MARION CAMPBELL, Coach.
*Assistants: Ed Khayat, Bill Walsh,
 Bill Nelson, John Rauch, Fred
 Bruney, Marv Matuszak, Jimmy
 Orr.*

PREDICTION 4th

The psychedelic period of pathos, malaise, panic and terror is ended in Atlanta. The Falcons have returned to the mechanics of their founding a decade ago. They start with a new coach . . . with a rookie quarterback . . . with a fresh general manager.

But they start from scratch a second time now with the knowledge what not to do. They erred and committed bloopers. The result was a mishmash of a franchise and the dilution of public interest in once-rabid Atlanta.

Norman Van Brocklin, perpetrator of the panic and terror, is gone. He was sacked after eight games in 1974. In his stead as coach is Marion Campbell, a low-profile philosophical sort. The Falcons' new party line is that Campbell emanates from the old school.

Many of the hired athletes detested Van Brocklin, the fabled Dutchman with the volatile, biting temper. Some spilled their guts out in criticism of him. Last year, with the club in its abyss, Van Brocklin attacked the always-available scapegoat. He challenged the Atlanta football writers to a free-for-all one day after a disastrous game. Sanity prevailed. The scapegoats allowed Van Brocklin to rant himself out of a job.

Between seasons the Falcons hired Pat Peppler from Don Shula's organization in Miami to become general manager. Before the draft, Peppler conducted a mysterious trade. He advanced the Falcons in the first-round draft rotation by sacrificing All-Pro tackle George Kunz to Baltimore. They utilized the priority selection to draft Steve Bartkowski, from California, to play quarterback. Perhaps the Falcons could have drafted Bartkowski regardless on their own high pick. But they wanted a guarantee and forfeited Kunz.

"By making the trade that enabled us to make Steve Bartkowski our No. 1 draft selection, we feel our future is secure at quarterback . . ." Campbell stated.

"The reasons for drafting Bartkowski are these: He was, No. 1, the top-rated football player in the country. And, secondly, with four new expansion teams coming into the NFL very shortly, the Atlanta Falcons would never again get the shot at the No. 1 football player in the country."

There is some logic . . . which will become certified solely if Bartkowski develops.

The Falcons once before delivered their future to a Rookie quarterback. It was at their origin in 1966, when they relied on Randy Johnson. He long since has become a vagabond quarterback.

Through the years of their malaise, the Falcons quarterback situation has been illogical. Van Brocklin two years ago traded back to Minnesota Bob Berry, whom he had nurtured to near

stardom. It was a silly deal which resulted in Van Brocklin next trying to develop Bob Lee. Amazingly, Lee helped the Falcons to their only creditable season two years ago. With a seven-game winning streak, they finished 9-5 and barely missed the playoffs. This was a fortuitous accident.

Last year the Falcons returned to the panic and terror. The offense atrophied. Before the season ended, Van Brocklin was gone in anger. Lee was benched. The season record was 3-11.

This year Lee is gone, ignominiously placed on waivers and unclaimed. Pat Sullivan, a previous high hope, is in limbo.

Bartkowski is the man. No. 1 as a rookie, on a team aware it must restart from the primitive origins of its expansion charter.

The reason is simple, really, proven by the lifeblood statistics of pro football. The Falcons last year could not score touchdowns. They managed a mere 12 in 14 games, fewest in the pro football conglomerate. Of these, the

JEFF VAN NOTE, Falcons standout center who was in the Pro Bowl last year, gets his battered nose straightened by team's physician, Dr. ROBERT WELLS.





DAVE HAMPTON (43), Atlanta's top running back, goes high for first down yardage during game against Packers.



CLAUDE HUMPHREY (87), one of game's premier pass rushers gives an example of skill to Saints, BOBBY SCOTT.

offense produced only 10 touchdowns—a comical figure. Return men scored the other two.

The capriciousness of the offense is documented by the unfamiliarity of the names.

The Falcons candidly declare that Dave Hampton is the only easily recognized personage among the runners. Hampton runs with Thousand-Yard capabilities. Indeed, once he managed to qualify for membership in the elite Thousand-Yard Club. On his next carry, he was tossed for a loss. He finished his year barely shy of the magic milestone. He runs expertly with power and speed.

Who runs with him? Well, it could be Eddie Ray, who is a veteran if not nationally famed. Ray ran well in 1973, the year the Falcons managed to win. The other vets in the backfield are Haskel Stanback, Molly McGee and Vince Kendrick. No fooling. The top rookie runner is Woody Thompson, the third-round draftee.

Bartkowski will be passing to

wide receivers who likewise are not famous. But that does not mean the receiving corps does not have some excellence.

Ken Burrow, for one, is a proven receiver who can break games. Al Dodd is experienced and Thomas Geredine and Louis Neal are youngsters with potential. The Falcons reacquired Jerry Simmons in a trade with Denver. He is a possible starter. But the major addition was Alfred Jenkins, who, perhaps, the top pass catcher last year in the WFL.

During Van Brocklin's seasons, Jim Mitchell became one of the truly outstanding tight ends in pro football. He catches and runs after the reception—and he blocks. With Kunz departed, Mitchell is the outstanding performer on the offensive unit.

Atlanta's offensive line, through the decade of travail, has been porous. Now with Kunz gone, the problems of protecting the passer are magnified. The strong man is Jeff Van Note, so talented he went to the Pro Bowl as a center. The Falcons, otherwise, had

28 men bidding in camp for the four available line jobs. Of these, Len Gotshalk is an incumbent at tackle and Dennis Havig returns at a guard. Royce Smith, once highly touted, remains a guard possibility. Steve Smith, acquired from the Eagles, is the initial choice to succeed Kunz at the vacant tackle. Other possibilities in the line are Nick Bebout, Ted Fritsch, Bill Sandeman and Laron Jackson, plus rookie John Nessel.

On defense, the Falcons are mugging tough. Even in their defeats last year, the Falcons seldom were overwhelmed.

The defensive line is one of the finest, actually. Claude Humphrey and John Zook put on a penetrating outside rush. Humphrey is All-Pro and few are quick and strong enough to rush the passer as well. Zook often amazes with his rush. Inside, the Falcons are strong with Mike Tilleman and Mike Lewis. And there is depth with Chuck Walker and Rosie Manning.

Tommy Nobis has been the

FALCONS' VETERAN ROSTER

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JOHN JAMES of Atlanta had 40.5 punting average for third rank in NFC.

middle linebacker throughout the club's history. He bridges two eras of middle linebacking brilliance—from Ray Nitschke and Dick Butkus to Bill Bergey and Jeff Siemon. Nobis has played with such brilliance himself. Outside Don Hansen and Greg Brezina blend well with experience and strength. Ralph Ortega, the No. 2 draftee, soon will crack into the unit.

Through the years, the secondary has been altered, shuffled and remodeled. It happens again, despite NFC leadership last year. Ray Brown, who intercepted eight passes as a strong safety, has been switched to free safety. Clarence Ellis has been traded and Charlie Greer, in from the Broncos, becomes the new strong safety. Ray Easterling will chal-

TOM HAYES helped the Falcons top the NFC in pass defense in 1974.



lenge Greer. Tom Hayes is a veteran and he and Rolland Lawrence are satisfactory cornerbacks.

The kicking game is fine with Nick Mike-Mayer now attuned to pro football as a soccer stylist. John James is an outstanding punter.

Starting afresh is a bright idea for the Falcons. The pattern of change is familiar, but at least the Falcons are trying.

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Mike-Mayer, 39 points on 9 field goals, 12 XP			19th
RUSHING —Hampton, 127 carries for 464 yds., 3.7 Avg., 2 TDs			17th
PASSING —Lee, 78 of 172 attempts for 852 yds., 3 TDs			16th
RECEIVING —Burrow, 34 receptions for 545 yds., 1 TD			21st
INTERCEPTIONS —Brown, 8 for 164 yds., 20.5 Avg., 1 TD			1st
PUNTING —James, 96 punts, 40.5 Avg., longest 61 yds.			3rd
PUNT RETURNS —Tinker, 14 for 195 yds., 13.9 Avg., 1 Td			3rd
KICKOFF RETURNS —Tinker, 29 for 704 yds., 24.3 Avg.			8th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	8 AT Washington (N)	
	16 BALTIMORE (N)	
	23 OAKLAND (N)	
	30 N.Y. JETS (N)	
Sept.	5 AT Buffalo (N)	
	13 PHILADELPHIA (N)	

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 AT St. Louis	—
28 DETROIT	—
Oct. 5 NEW ORLEANS	3-13
12 AT San Francisco	0-27
19 AT Los Angeles	0-21
26 CINCINNATI	—
Nov. 2 AT New Orleans	13-14
9 AT Minnesota	10-23
16 LOS ANGELES	7-30
23 DENVER	—
30 AT Oakland	—
Dec. 7 WASHINGTON	—
14 SAN FRANCISCO	10-16
21 AT Green Bay	10-3



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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

H. P. "BUD" GRANT, Coach.
Assistants: Bus Mertes, John Michels, Jerry Burns, Jack Patera, Neill Armstrong, Jocko Nelson.

PREDICTION 1st

Develop a mind picture of the Vikings and the immediate thought scenario starts with ice statuary. There follows snow banks on the field's edge. The breath vaporizes and the customers huddle in orange snowmobile suits and mackinaws. A guy in one of those Viking's helmets with the horns and an upraised sword appears.

On the field, there is nasty defense and the chase: four people in purple mugging some unfortunate quarterback. There is Francis Tarkenton scrambling and prancing and throwing the football with a final gasp.

And there is Bud Grant, the coach, in a purple cap with a headset growing from it. Snow flakes flock his cap visor and his eyebrows and there is always the expressionless visage.

"Smile Bud," Dandy Don Meredith once said live as the television Cyclops zeroed on the serene, emotionless Grant. "Oh, you are."

The Vikings project this glacial image. They have thrived for eternity in their treacherous climate.

It cannot be disputed. The Vikings have been an extremely forceful football team. Grant, a stoic in deep purple, has been an eminently successful coach. His record after eight years is a rewarding 77-33-3. The Vikings have lambasted the competition in their division. They've won six Central titles the past seven seasons. But the division gradually has reduced in strength. It once was romanticized as the Black and Blue Division—and it intimidated invaders. Black and Blue is now a myth.

Clearly, the Vikings sailed through their division the past two years with no challenge. They finished fresh and more fit than

the others for the playoffs. They won the past two NFC championships. But they were felled in the Super Bowls. They now are the first franchise in captivity to lose three Super Bowls.

They are haunted by that stigma, humbled and embarrassed by the Dolphins and then the Steelers.

"The only benefit you get out of losing—and in our case I mean the last game—is that you still have the carrot in front of you, hanging out there," Grant said. "I've talked with a lot of our players since the end of the season and they expressed the feeling they want to go after the carrot again."

"The main thing about 1974, though, was that we were able to maintain our position as a contender. As long as you are in that group you have a chance to win it all."

"I think we can put ourselves in that category for 1975. We're not rebuilding, we're not dec-

imated by injuries, we have experience at key positions, we have talented players. We probably aren't going to be picked as one of the two teams that will go to the Super Bowl. But we weren't picked last year, either."

So there is the challenge, delivered properly by Grant, the man with the iron stare.

The aging has set in deeply now. The Vikings are on the verge of becoming decrepit. One of these years they will reach that point where their excessive age on defense will become damaging. Defense has been their mode of victory, their method of division domination.

It was that magnificent front four that piloted the Vikings. Now, slowly, the Vikings are making the changes. The defensive line no longer is impregnable. Alan Page, at 30, remains an immense athlete. But Jim Marshall is 37. Carl Eller is 33. Already the Vikings have replaced Gary Larsen, 35, with Doug

CHUCK FOREMAN (44), who scored 15 touchdowns last season for Vikings, utilizes block of guard ANDY MAURER (66) for gain against Los Angeles.



Sutherland, 27, as Page's tackle partner. Aware of the situation, the Vikings used their first two draft picks for defensive linemen—end Mark Mullaney on the first round and tackle Art Riley on the second. "They certainly should fill out the uniforms nicely," said Grant, who has an aversion about playing rookies.

Overage could afflict the line-backing too at any time. But the Vikings have been drafting replacements for a couple of years. Successors are ready. Incumbents are Wally Hilgenberg, Roy Winston with Jeff Siemon inside. Siemon, at 25, already has proven his excellence. The violence-oriented Hilgenberg is 33 and Winston is 35. Youngsters Matt Blair and Fred McNeill are available if needed. So is Amos Martin, who backs up Siemon.

The Vikings have thrived defensively with the pass rush and their zones in the secondary. It is a good, but not sensational secondary the Vikings have now. Paul Krause, the free safety and now NFC career interception leader, is the only ancient back there. Krause is 35, but quite nimble still. Nate Wright mans one corner and Jackie Wallace proved quite acceptable last year as the replacement for Bobby Bryant. Recovered from injury, Bryant returns to try to reclaim his job. Jeff Wright performs well at strong safety.

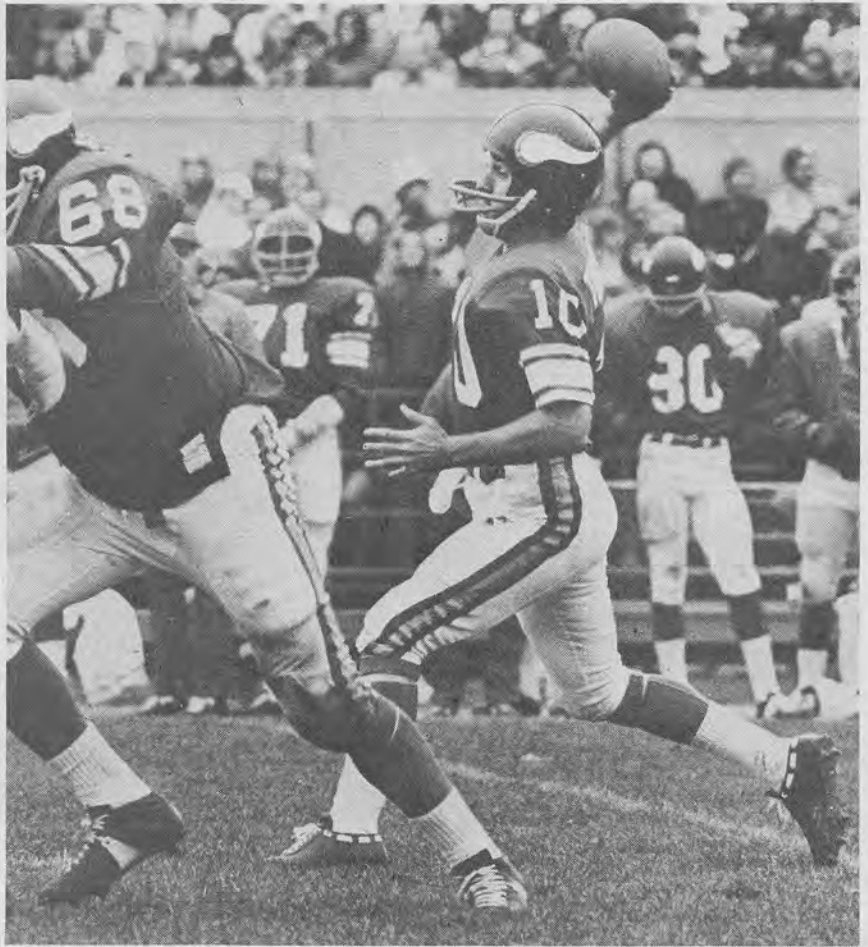
Once, after Joe Kapp left and Gary Cuozzo, Norm Snead and Bob Lee rotated without fireworks, Grant had a cavalier notion about quarterbacks. "Quarterbacks can't be God Almighty," Bud said one day.

But then Fran Tarkenton returned from his sabbatical with the Giants. He is the only NFC quarterback to play in the Super Bowl the last two years. Even in defeat, that is something.

Grant has restyled the offense some to use Tarkenton's running technique. The sprint out pass is a feature, Tarkenton works quite successfully.

"Tarkenton probably will go down as the greatest quarterback of all time in professional football," said Grant in a changed tune.

Bob Berry is seldom employed



FRAN TARKENTON, the scrambling QB, viewed in rare set position to pass.

ALAN PAGE (88), Vikings' tackle, harasses Atlanta's poor KIM McQUILKEN.





FRED COX (14), with PAUL KRAUSE (22) holding, and RON YARY (73) blocking, attempts field goal vs. charging Dallas Cowboys defense.

as Francis' backup.

The Vikings' really prefer the run to the pass. Why not with Chuck Foreman, who is so magnificently versatile. Foreman is a power runner with speed. He catches passes expertly. He scored 15 touchdowns last year while leading his club in rushing and receiving. Grant says Foreman is No. 1 and all the rest of his backs feel they're No. 2. Old campaigner Dave Osborn, now 32, generally wins the other starting job in the backfield. But there is competition and depth. The Vikings have Ed Marinaro, Brent McClanahan, Oscar Reed and rookie Champ Henson. Bill Brown, the old spot emergency back, was dropped.

The pass receiving corps has been redone the last couple of years. John Gilliam was Tarkenton's pet touchdown receiver. But Gilliam is committed to the WFL. So Sam McCullum or John Holland is expected to start with Jim Lash entrenched at the other wide receiver. Stu Voigt is an accomplished tight end, a key figure

in Minnesota's offensive style. Doug Kingsriter is used often in the double tight end formation.

There have been some recent

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Foreman, 90 points on 15 TDs, 9 runs, 6 passes	3rd
RUSHING —Foreman, 199 carries for 777 yds., 3.9 Avg., 9 TDs	4th
PASSING —Tarkenton, 199 of 351 attempts for 2598 yds., 17 TDs	4th
RECEIVING —Foreman, 53 receptions for 586 yds., 6 TDs	6th
INTERCEPTIONS —Wright 6 for 91 yds., 15.2 Avg.	5th
PUNTING —Eischeid, 73 punts, 36.1 Avg., longest 50 yds.	12th
PUNT RETURNS —Wallace, 25 for 191 yds., 7.6 Avg.	15th
KICKOFF RETURNS —McClanahan, 23 for 549 yds., 23.9 Avg.	10th

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9	N.Y. Jets at Phoenix, Ariz. (N)
17	AT New England (N)
23	AT Dallas (N)
Sept. 1	MIAMI (N)
6	ST. LOUIS (N)
13	AT San Diego (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21	SAN FRANCISCO —
28	AT Cleveland —
Oct. 5	CHICAGO 11-7
12	N.Y. JETS —
19	DETROIT 16-20
27	AT Chicago (N) 17-0
Nov. 2	AT Green Bay 32-17
9	ATLANTA 23-10
16	AT New Orleans 29-9
23	SAN DIEGO —
30	AT Washington —
Dec. 7	GREEN BAY 7-19
14	AT Detroit 7-6
20	AT Buffalo —

alterations, also, in the offensive line—long a key power point. Mick Tingelhoff, Ed White and Ron Yary remain starters from the old days. But last year Charles Goodrum became a starter and at midyear the Vikings' acquired Andy Maurer. The line, thus, is set. John Ward and Steve Lawson provide excellent depth. Former starters Grady Alderman and Milt Sunde left in the same purge of ancients as Brown and Larsen.

Fred Cox, 36, is a standby as the place kicker.

There are some certainties in the Central. It will snow and freeze and the Vikings will be in first place. Bud might even smile.

VIKINGS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
56	Anderson, Scott	C	6-4	234	24	2	Missouri
17	Berry, Bob	QB	5-11	185	33	11	Oregon
21	Blahak, Joe	DB	5-10	188	25	2	Nebraska
59	Blair, Matt	LB	6-5	229	24	2	Iowa St.
71	Boone, Dave	DE	6-3	248	24	2	East Mich.
24	Brown, Terry	S	6-2	205	28	6	Okla. St.
20	Bryant, Bobby	CB	6-1	170	31	3	So. Carolina
14	Cox, Fred	K	5-10	200	36	13	Pittsburgh
84	Craig, Steve	TE	6-3	231	24	2	No'western
52	Cureton, Gregg	LB	6-2	223	28	1	Tennessee
	Danmeier, Rick	K	5-11	214	22	1	Sioux Falls
45	Dixon, Alan	RB	5-11	200	24	1	TCU
11	Eischeid, Mike	P	6-0	197	34	9	U. Iowa
81	Eller, Carl	DE	6-6	247	33	12	Minnesota
44	Foreman, Chuck	RB	6-2	207	25	3	Miami
42	Gilliam, John	WR	6-1	195	30	9	S. C. State
68	Goodrum, C.	T-G	6-3	256	25	3	Fia A&M
58	Hilgenberg, W.	LB	6-3	229	33	12	Iowa
85	Holland, John	WR	6-0	190	25	2	Tenn. St.
89	Kingsriter, Doug	TE	6-2	222	25	3	Minnesota
22	Krause, Paul	S	6-3	200	35	12	Iowa
82	Lash, Jim	WR	6-2	199	24	3	No'western
65	Lawson, Steve	G	6-3	265	26	5	Kansas
75	Lurtsema, B.	DE-DT	6-6	250	33	9	West. Mich.
49	Marinaro, Ed	RB	6-2	212	24	4	Cornell
70	Marshall, Jim	DE	6-4	240	37	16	Ohio St.
55	Martin, Amos	LB	6-3	228	26	4	Louisville
66	Maurer, Andy	G	6-3	275	27	6	Oregon
33	McClanahan, B.	RB	5-10	202	24	3	Arizona St.
80	McCullum, Sam	WR	6-1 1/2	203	23	2	Montana St.
54	McNeill, Fred	LB	6-2	229	25	2	UCLA
41	Osborn, Dave	RB	6-2	208	32	11	No. Dakota
88	Page, Alan	DT	6-4	245	30	9	Notre Dame
29	Polti, Randy	S	6-3	190	25	2	Stanford
32	Reed, Oscar	RB	6-0	222	31	8	Colo. St.
78	Riley, Steve	T	6-5 1/2	258	25	2	So. Calif.
50	Siemon, Jeff	LB	6-2	230	25	4	Stanford
69	Sutherland, D.	DT	6-3	250	27	6	Wisc. St.
10	Tarkenton, Fran	QB	6-0	190	35	15	Georgia
53	Tinglehoff, Mick	C	6-2	240	35	14	Nebraska
83	Voigt, Stu	TE	6-1	225	27	6	Wisconsin
25	Wallace, Jackie	DB	6-3	197	24	2	Arizona
72	Ward, John	G	6-4	250	27	4	Okla. St.
62	White, Ed	G	6-2 1/2	280	28	7	California
15	Wells, Mike	QB	6-5	225	24	1	Illinois
60	Winston, Roy	LB	5-11	225	35	14	LSU
23	Wright, Jeff	S	5-11	190	26	5	Minnesota
43	Wright, Nate	CB	5-11	180	28	7	S. Diego St.
73	Yary, Ron	T	6-5 1/2	255	29	8	So. Calif.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Adams, Bruce	WR	6-0	180	22	Kansas
Bakken, Ollie	LB	6-2	224	22	Minnesota
Bellizeare, A.	RS	5-8	162	23	Penn.
Beamon, Autry	S	6-0 1/2	190	22	E. Tex. St.
Broussard, E.	LB	6-2 1/2	231	23	Houston
Busscher, R.	WR	6-2	195	22	Central
Bunt, Ralph	DB	5-1	198	23	Omaha
Clabo, Neil	P	6-2	200	22	Tennessee
Goedjen, Tom	K	5-9	166	23	Iowa St.
Greene, Henry	RB	6-0	214	23	Southern
Henson, Harold	RB	6-3	240	22	Ohio St.
Hollimon, Joe	CB	5-9	186	22	Ark. St.
Hunt, Leroy	RS	5-9	178	22	Ferris St.
Hurd, Mike	WR	6-1 1/2	183	23	Mich. St.
Jordano, John	WR	6-2	190	22	Kansas
Miller, Robert	RB	5-11	204	22	Kansas
Mullaney, Mark	DE	6-6	242	22	Colo. St.
Passananti, John	G	6-4	248	22	West. Ill.
Riley, Art	DT	6-4	255	21	USC
Spencer, Ike	RB	5-11	191	23	Utah
Strickland, M.	RS	5-8	170	24	East, Mich.

DETROIT LIONS

RICK FORZANO, Coach.
*Assistants: Raymond Berry, Wal-
 ly English, Jerry Glanville, Bruce
 Beatty, Joe Bugel, Jim Carr, Fritz
 Shurmur, Rey Dempsey, Floyd
 Reese.*

PREDICTION 2nd

Inertia . . . Futility . . . Medi-
 ocrity . . . Anarchy—the leg-
 endary Four Horsemen of self-
 devastation ride onward forever
 in Detroit. The Lions are chron-
 ic runners up. Six successive au-
 tumns now they have finished in
 second place. They don't go up.
 They don't go down.

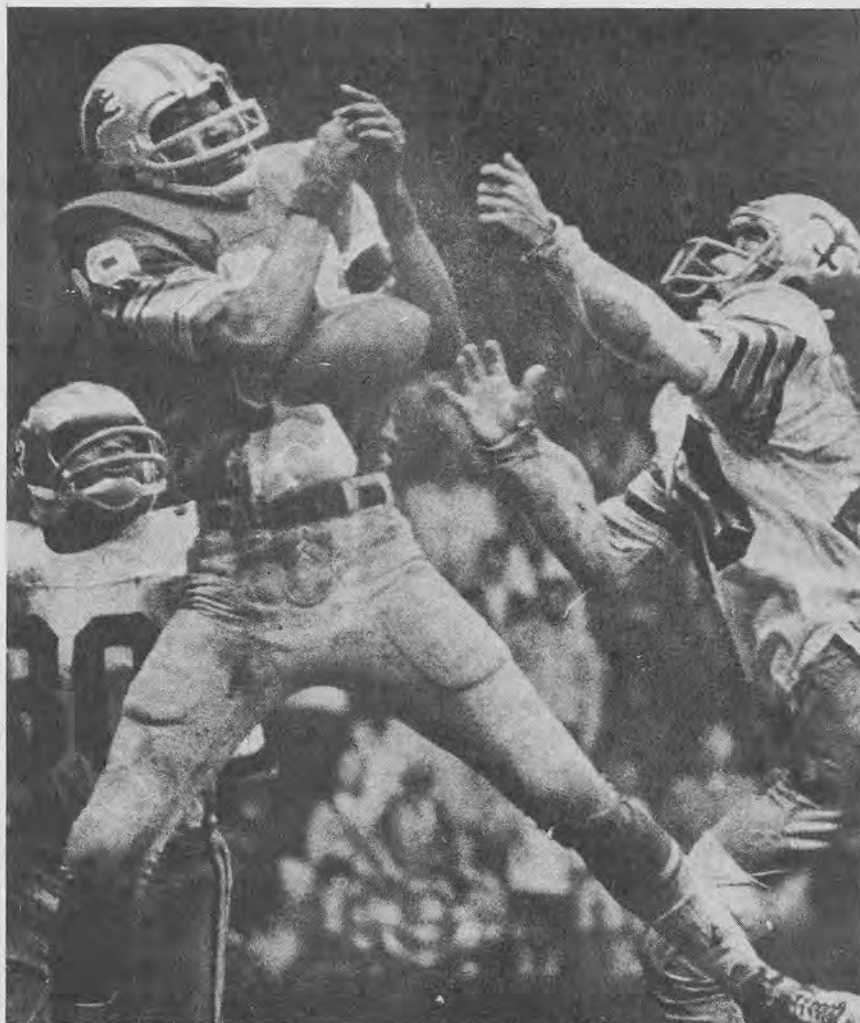
Many years ago the Lions
 adopted a laissez-faire policy.
 They have stuck to it, year after
 year after year. The Lions depre-
 ciated a generation of workable
 football players with no tangi-
 ble progress. They have gone
 through three coaching regimes
 in the process.

Rick Forzano, a tough, slight
 former Marine who never played
 collegiate nor professional foot-
 ball, now is the man hamstrung
 by an unimaginative front office.
 He is capable and willing—but
 there is insufficient winning ma-
 terial. The Lions are a franchise
 traditionally fraught with inter-
 nal friction.

The club's perennial problems
 have been uninspired drafting
 and too-timid trading.

Joe Schmidt, the old folkhero
 middle linebacker, quit as head
 coach because of the front of-
 fice's refusal to support his desire
 to make a consequential trade.
 Don McCafferty, formerly of
 Baltimore, coached through one
 harrowing second-place season of
 recriminations and utter frustra-
 tion.

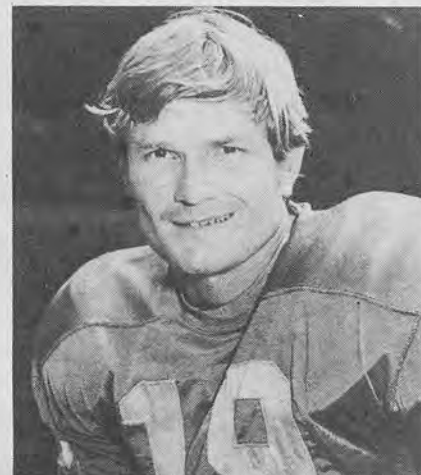
Last year at the opening of
 training camp tragedy struck at
 the Lions. McCafferty died of a
 heart attack. Forzano was picked
 from his staff as the successor.
 Paul Brown had recommended
 Forzano to Bill Ford, The Lions'
 frequently critical auto scion
 owner. Forzano had been an as-
 sistant under Brown on the Ben-
 gals and showed leadership abil-
 ity. In making the selection, Ford
 bypassed two former head
 coaches, Bob Hollway and Eddie



RON JESSIE, who grabbed career high of 54 passes for Detroit Lions in 1974, lets this one surprisingly slip through his usually reliable hands.

GREG LANDRY, often the Lions No. 1 QB, now has to fight for his job.

BILL MUNSON had finest season at quarterback for Lions last year.



Khayat, on McCafferty's staff.

There were some hurt feelings. But the choice had wisdom.

Forzano's first Detroit team had a typical tattletale gray 7-7 record last year. But the club showed fortitude in returning to .500 mediocrity after losing its first four games.

That provided the encouragement for the Lions to continue on the laissez-faire treadmill into this year. The most recent major trade was negotiated on May 1, 1968, when the Lions obtained quarterback Bill Munson from the Rams. Again the front office became hypercautious, to Forzano's chagrin.

"We feel that we did accomplish something last year, a comeback year for us," Forzano said. "We came back from our disastrous 0-4 start.

"We came back from adversity and in doing so we showed the team's class and character. Winning seven of our last 10 games showed the players that they could win and how to win.

"In 1975, it's 'Now to win.'"

It is a saccharin George Allen-kind of motto.

But the Lions did little to improve their rushing game. Once it was so potent. It withered until it became the next-to-poorest in the NFC. They did little also to

beef up the defense, which was woefully inadequate.

The Lions, since the early days of Schmidt's turbulent regime in the late 60s, were plagued by their Vikings' phobia. For six years and into a seventh, the second-place Lions endured a series of tortuous misfortunes—13 successive losses to their arch-enemies. The Lions managed to end this ordeal in the second meeting last year. The front office celebrated with champagne. The hysteria was short-lived. The Lions returned to inertia, futility, mediocrity, anarchy.

The trade taboo involved the Lions' stubborn refusal to deal one of their talented quarterbacks to fortify weak areas. Now again Bill Munson and Greg Landry vie for the quarterback assignment. Until last year, Landry had been the annual camp winner. But Forzano favored Munson. Landry was thwarted by a postoperative knee.

Munson played his finest football. Before he had been apprehensive and not confident. He overcame these drawbacks in 1974. But at midyear, Munson was hurt. Landry regained the position.

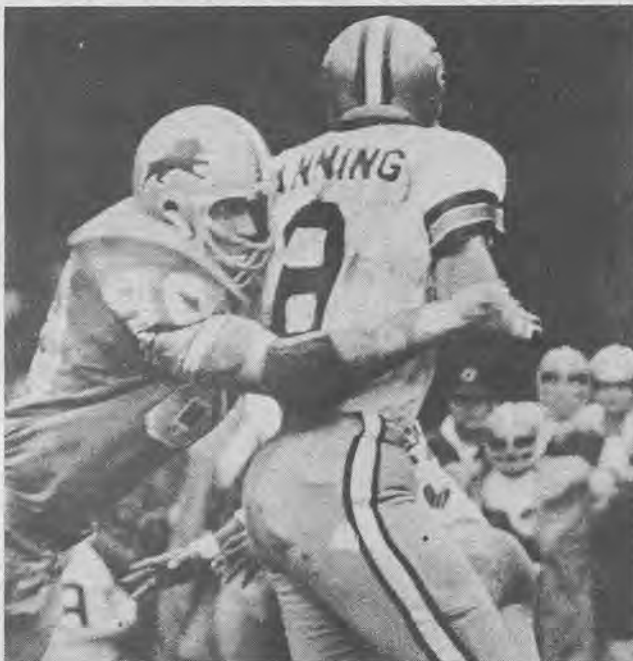
They have diverse styles. Munson is a pro-set quarterback who eschews the run. Landry has a proclivity for running himself.

His running has become integral to the established offense. Thus, the Lions either have a diversified offense—or a chaotic situation in which the other offensive players are uncertain about the mode of attack. A two-quarterback condition could rupture a club.

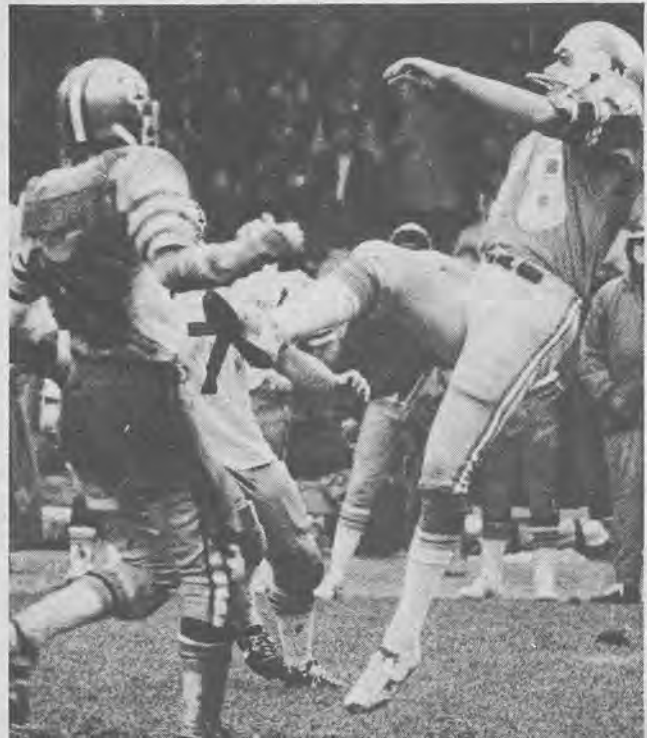
There is the old pro chestnut about establishing the running game first. This is impossible for the Lions. They are short of runners in a backfield which ranked so low last year. Altie Taylor returns to give some explosiveness to the running attack. Steve Owens comes back from a serious knee injury. He was the only Lion ever to run for a Thousand Yards. That was in 1971. He is questionable now. The other Detroit veteran runners are Dexter Bussey, Jimmy Jones and Jim Hooks. Wendell Hayes, a discarded Chief, and Bobby Thompson, a Canadian football vet, are unglamorous additions.

For years, the receiving was substandard—except for the acrobatics of tight end Charlie Sanders. Last year wide receivers Ron Jessie and Larry Walton bloomed. Jessie, though, threatened to move elsewhere this year after his WFL agreement was nullified. The Lions could put together a slapdash receiving corps. Ray Jarvis and Bob Pickard are

HERB ORVIS (80), Lions defensive tackle, wraps himself around ARCHIE MANNING before Saints QB gets loose.



HERMAN WEAVER (18), Detroit's punter, was busy last year, kicking 72 times for 2772 yards, but had lowly 38.5 avg.



still-inexperienced veterans.

The offensive line has diminished in quality since the rejection of Chuck Knox, who was on Schmidt's staff. Jim Yarbrough and Rockne Freitas are capable tackles. Guard Bob Kowalkowski performs with excellence. But there is a void at center. Ed Flanagan, a longtime All Pro, defected to San Diego. Guy Dennis or Gordon Jolley, vet line backups, could be converted to center. The Lions chose unheralded Guard Lynn Boden as their No. 1 draftee in a calculated gamble.

In prior drafts, the Lions had stressed defense in the first round. The draft became a folly. Most of the No. 1s were ordinary. One, Bob Bell, was waived last year. The rebuilt rush line consists of Larry Hand, Ken Sanders, Jim Mitchell and Herb Orvis. Orvis is a first draft choice who worked out. Ernie Price, another No. 1, is a line reserve. The Lions have hope for Doug English, this year's No. 2. The Lions also added vet Jerry Patton from the Eagles.

The linebacking must be bolstered. Incumbents are Paul Naumoff and Charlie Weaver outside and Jim Laslavic in the middle. Ed O'Neil, the 1974 No. 1, and Bill Laskey, late of the Broncos, are reservists.

The secondary has brilliant personnel. Dick Jauron has developed into a top free safety. Lem Barney, rehabilitated from

a nervous disorder, is again a luminous cornerback. Levi Jackson plays an opportunistic corner. Charlie West is a savvy strong safety. In addition, Mike Weger returns from a year of injury.

Errol Mann, winner of two games with last-minute field goals, is an accurate, reliable kicker.



DICK JAURON was NFC's leading punt returner with 16.8 avg. last year.

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Mann, 92 points on 23 XP, 23 field goals	2nd
RUSHING —Taylor, 150 carries for 532 yds., 3.5 Avg., 5 TDs	13th
PASSING —Munson, 166 of 292 attempts for 1874 yds., 8 TDs	6th
RECEIVING —Jessie, 54 receptions for 761 yds., 3 TDs	4th
INTERCEPTIONS —Johnson, 5 for 139 yds., 27.8 Avg., 2 TDs	6th
PUNTING —H. Weaver, 72 punts, 38.5 Avg., longest 61 yds.	7th
PUNT RETURNS —Jauron, 17 for 286 yds., 16.8 Avg.	1st
KICKOFF RETURNS —Jones, 38 for 927 yds., 24.4 Avg.	7th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	10 AT Oakland (N)
	16 AT Miami (N)
	23 KC at Pontiac, Mich. (N)
	29 AT Washington (N)
Sept.	6 Cinn. at Pontiac, Mich. (N)
	13 AT Cleveland (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 AT Green Bay	19-21
28 AT Atlanta	—
Oct. 6 DALLAS (N)	—
12 CHICAGO	34-17
19 AT Minnesota	20-16
26 AT Houston	—
Nov. 2 AT San Francisco	17-13
9 CLEVELAND	—
16 GREEN BAY	19-17
23 AT Kansas City	—
27 LOS ANGELES	13-16
Dec. 7 AT Chicago	9-17
14 MINNESOTA	6-7
21 ST. LOUIS	—

Herman Weaver punted 72 times last year, a personal high for him. His average of 38.5 was low but only half of his towering punts were returned, for a low 7.4 average.

The Lions have been entwined in second place so long it seems they'll never escape. The Four Horsemen ride again.

LIONS VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
20	Barney, Lem	CB	6-0	190	29	9	Jackson St.
81	Blair, T. C.	TE	6-4	220	24	2	Tulsa
68	Bonica, Chuck	G	6-1	255	25	1	Ohio St.
87	Brady, John	TE	6-3	215	24	1	Washington
24	Bussey, Dexter	RB	6-1	195	23	2	Arlington
46	Capria, Carl	S	6-3	185	23	2	Purdue
51	Cunningham, D.	LB	6-2	240	30	7	Arkansas
29	Davis, Ben	CB	5-11	180	29	8	Defiance
65	Davis, Jimmie	G	6-5	250	23	1	Alcorn A&M
60	Guy, Dennis	G-C	6-2	255	28	7	Florida
54	Flanagan, Ed	C	6-3	245	31	11	Purdue
76	Freitas, Rockne	T	6-6	270	29	8	Oregon St.
39	Frohbose, Bill	S	6-0	185	23	1	Miami (Fla.)
74	Hand, Larry	DE	6-4	250	35	11	Appalachian
58	Hennigan, Mike	DB	6-2	210	23	3	Tenn. Tech
30	Hooks, Jim	RB	5-11	225	23	3	Central St.
70	Howard, Billy	DT	6-4	245	25	2	Alcorn A&M
45	Jarvis, Ray	WR	6-0	195	26	5	Norfolk St.
26	Jauron, Dick	S	6-0	190	24	3	Yale
89	Jessie, Ron	WR	6-0	185	27	5	Kansas
23	Johnson, Levi	CB	6-3	190	24	3	Texas A&I
64	Jolley, Gordon	T	6-5	250	26	4	Utah
31	Jones, Jimmie	RB	5-10	205	25	2	UCLA
66	Kowalkowski, G	G	6-3	240	31	10	Virginia
11	Landry, Greg	QB	6-4	210	28	8	Mass.
Laskey, Bill	LB	6-3	230	32	10	Michigan	
52	Laslavic, Jim	LB	6-2	230	23	3	Penn St.
12	Mann, Errol	K	6-0	200	34	8	No. Dakota
83	Mitchell, Jim	DT	6-3	245	26	6	Va. State
19	Munson, Bill	QB	6-2	210	34	12	Utah St.
50	Naumoff, Paul	LB	6-1	215	30	9	Tennessee
55	O'Neil, Ed	LB	6-3	245	22	2	Penn St.
80	Orvis, Herb	DT	6-5	240	28	4	Colorado
36	Owens, Steve	RB	6-2	215	27	6	Oklahoma
86	Pickard, Bob	WR	6-0	185	22	2	Xavier
72	Price, Ernie	DE	6-4	255	24	3	Texas A&I
14	Reed, Joe	QB	6-1	195	27	4	Miss. St.
61	Rothwell, Fred	C	6-3	240	22	2	Kansas St.
88	Sanders, Charlie	TE	6-4	225	29	8	Minnesota
82	Sanders, Ken	DE	6-5	240	25	4	H. Payne
84	Small, John	LB	6-4	260	28	6	Citadel
42	Taylor, Altie	RB	5-10	200	27	7	Utah St.
21	Thrower, Jim	S-CB	6-2	195	26	6	E. Tex. St.
44	Wakefield, Mark	WR	6-4	195	25	1	Tampa
49	Walton, Larry	WR	6-0	185	28	7	Arizona St.
59	Weaver, Charlie	LB	6-2	220	26	5	So. Calif.
18	Weaver, Herman	P	6-4	210	26	6	Tennessee
28	Weger, Mike	S	6-2	200	29	8	Bowl, Green
47	West, Charlie	S-CB	6-1	200	29	8	El Paso
67	White, Daryl	G	6-3	250	23	2	Nebraska
40	Wyatt, Doug	S	6-1	195	28	6	Tulsa
17	Wyche, Sam	QB-H	6-4	220	30	7	Furman
75	Yarbrough, Jim	T	6-5	265	28	7	Florida

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Bledsoe, John	G	6-3	230	22	Arizona
Boden, Lynn	G	6-5	270	21	S. Dak. St.
Boyd, Brad	TE	6-3	220	22	La. State
Chaves, Les	CB	6-0	195	22	Kansas St.
Clark, Frankie	S	6-4	195	25	Albany St.
Cooper, Fred	CB	5-11	190	23	Purdue
Decker, Jim	RB	5-11	200	23	S. Dak. St.
English, Doug	DT	6-5	250	21	Texas
Fair, Don	WR	6-1	180	25	Toledo
Flanagan, Mike	WR	6-2	185	22	Indiana
Flater, Mike	K	5-11	165	25	Colo. Mines
Ford, Jeff	S	5-10	175	25	Ga. Tech
Franklin, D.	WR	6-1	180	21	Michigan
Green, Rudy	RB	5-10	200	21	Yale
Guyon, Greg	P	6-0	190	22	Wayne St.
Hertwig, Craig	T	6-8	260	23	Georgia
King, Horace	RB	5-10	200	22	Georgia
Kraus, John	TE	6-4	235	22	Delaware
Lancaster, Mack	G	6-3	245	22	Tulsa
Lickiss, Hugh	TE	6-5	235	23	Simpson
Luttrell, Mike	RB	6-0	215	22	Tex. Christ.
Murphy, Mike	WR	6-3	185	22	Drake
Myers, Steve	C	6-0	245	21	Ohio St.
Parker, Cardell	DE	6-4	240	23	Louisville
Pettes, Steve	WR	6-0	170	22	Okla. St.
Rivera, Keith	DE	6-2	245	22	Brig. Young
Roundtree, A.	LB	6-3	220	21	Iowa St.
Schutterlie, John	C	6-2	230	22	Wyoming
Scofield, Mike	LB	6-2	220	23	Fisk
Seymour, Don	TE	6-3	220	21	Toledo
Smith, James	RB	6-1	220	24	N.C. Central
Strinko, Steve	LB	6-3	235	22	Michigan
Tatterson, John	P	6-3	195	22	Kentucky
Thompson, L.	RB	5-10	185	22	Okla. St.
Tiblom, Charles	C	6-2	245	26	Cent. Conn.

ERROL MANN won 2 games for Lions with last-minute FGs last season.



CHICAGO BEARS

PREDICTION 3rd

It was the same in Chicago, that toddlin' town, for 55 years. George Halas, the grand patriarch, controlled the Bears with autocratic clout.

The status quo continued through the generations, from 1920 on, as the style and fashions and appeal of the game changed. From Red Grange and Bronco Nagurski through Sid Luckman and George McAfee and Rick Casares and Harlon Hill to the era of Gale Sayers and Dick Butkus.

The Papa Bear rendered the decisions, lambasted the officials, fought the battles, observed the explosion of the sport he pioneered.

And then the sleek, computerized, electronically powered, business-based pro football of the 1970s passed him by.

A year ago George Halas did the unthinkable, the unmentionable, the unexpected. Always it had been anticipated his son George Jr., Muggs, would assume command one day.

But the Papa Bear, aware his franchise was drifting, hired Jim Finks.

Jim Finks was the unemployed creator of the Vikings. He had resigned in an ownership dispute. He is the shrewdest, sharpest general manager in the league. His specialty is building strong football teams from the weak. He was available—and Halas hired him as vice president and general manager.

Finks was given a single mandate: stimulate the Bears. He received carte blanche.

And no longer, after 55 years of autocracy, did the Halas family rule the Bears, render the decisions and fight the battles.

Finks was hired the week last season opened. It was too late for him to rule heavy on the 1974 season. The Bears finished last again.

But since then there have been

13 front office and staff changes. At the end of the year, Abe Gibrion, the pumpkin-shaped trencherman was cashiered as head coach. Abe was Halas' friend. He was an enjoyable Falstaffian character who taught bruise-'em, belt-'em football. But his strategy talents were suspect and he was gone.

Jack Pardee, from George Allen's school of hiss-boom-bah and the WFL's rubber-check division, became head coach. Pardee is an ex-linebacker who coached the debt-dying Florida Blazers to the WFL's World Bowl I with unpaid players. He proved his leadership capabilities.

His first words to the Bears smacked of an old speech by George Allen, who coached Pardee with the Rams and Redskins. Said Pardee in introduction to some of his players:

"We'll win football games for the greatest organization in the history of pro football . . . the Chicago Bears are pro football, from George Halas to you. You are now the Bears, the new Bears . . .

"Forget what's happened in the past. You determine the future. We'll give you all the help we can. As a coaching staff, we'll work as hard as humanly possible to prepare you for each opponent and to prepare you to

be the best player at your position in all of football.

"You have the potential . . . otherwise you wouldn't be here."

Hip-hip, hooray.

Finks shook up the troops, but not as radically as expected in his first year.

The Bears existed as a slapdash club—culling waiver list specials, making trade blunders and drafting poorly—for many years. There are many new Bears in 1975, presumably now better quality culls and superior draftees.

In his opening address, Pardee took note of the Bears' offensive impotence. Gibrion's '74 Bears accumulated a mere 18 touchdowns.

"All you have to do is look at the offensive statistics," Pardee said. "You'll see we need a better rushing game than we had last season . . . you need more than 1400 yards rushing. You need better blocking up front, better blocking from the wide receivers, better running."

The Bears ran the football when Bobby Douglass, a good-run no-pass quarterback, played. But that style was a throwback to the archaic single wing. Last year Gary Huff, a green second-year kid with a decent passing arm,

GARY HUFF completed 50% of passes in first year as Bears' No. 1 QB.

JACK PARDEE, who coached in WFL in 1974, was hired by Chicago Bears.



won the annual quarterback competition.

This year it is Douglass, who could be an ideal Paul Hornung-style running back, and Huff, with T-passing potential, in competition again. But it would not astonish if Finks did engineer a trade for an established quarterback to solve a long-prevailing problem.

To aid the running, the Bears went for back Walter Payton as their first draft choice. If he plays the game as well as he talks, the choice was wise.

"I'm the best running back in the draft and everybody knows it," said Payton to the folks who used to watch Gale Sayers. "When I get through with Chicago, they're gonna love me."

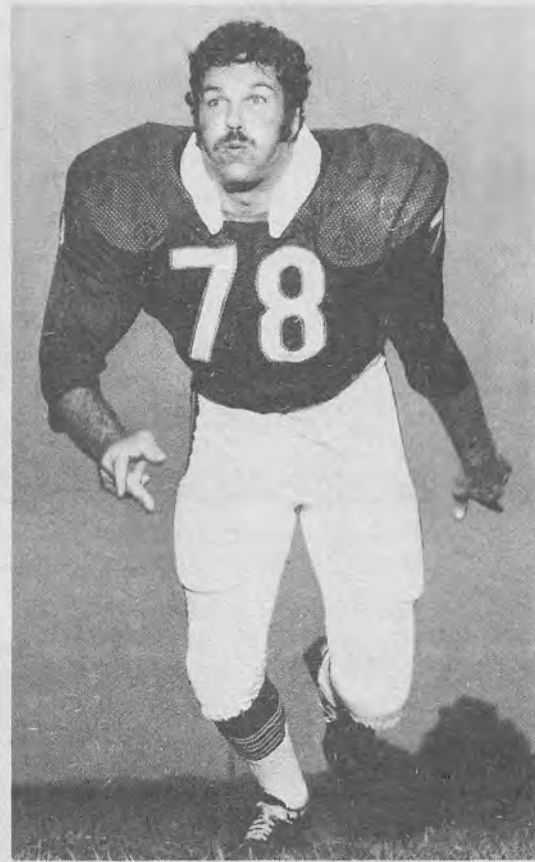
The Bears have a corps of other runners. Carl Garrett can be slippery when well. Finks acquired veteran Cid Edwards. There is Ken Granberry, last year's club leader, and Gary Kosins, Clifton Taylor, Pete Van Valkenberg and Perry Williams.

The Bears will make do again with culled receivers—Charlie Wade, Bo Rather—both former Dolphins—Ike Hill and Wayne Wheeler plus unhappy George Farmer. Fred Pagac is the incumbent tight end.

There are some bomb capabilities on the club, when Huff collaborates with Wade.

Pardee talked about the urgent need for blocking. The Bears stressed offensive line help in the draft. Incumbents are Lionel Antoine, Ernie Janet, Rich Coady, Bob Newton and Bob Asher. Oldster Grady Alderman was claimed from Minnesota. Noah Jackson was signed from the Canadian League. The Bears traded for Mark Nordquist, a starter with the Eagles.

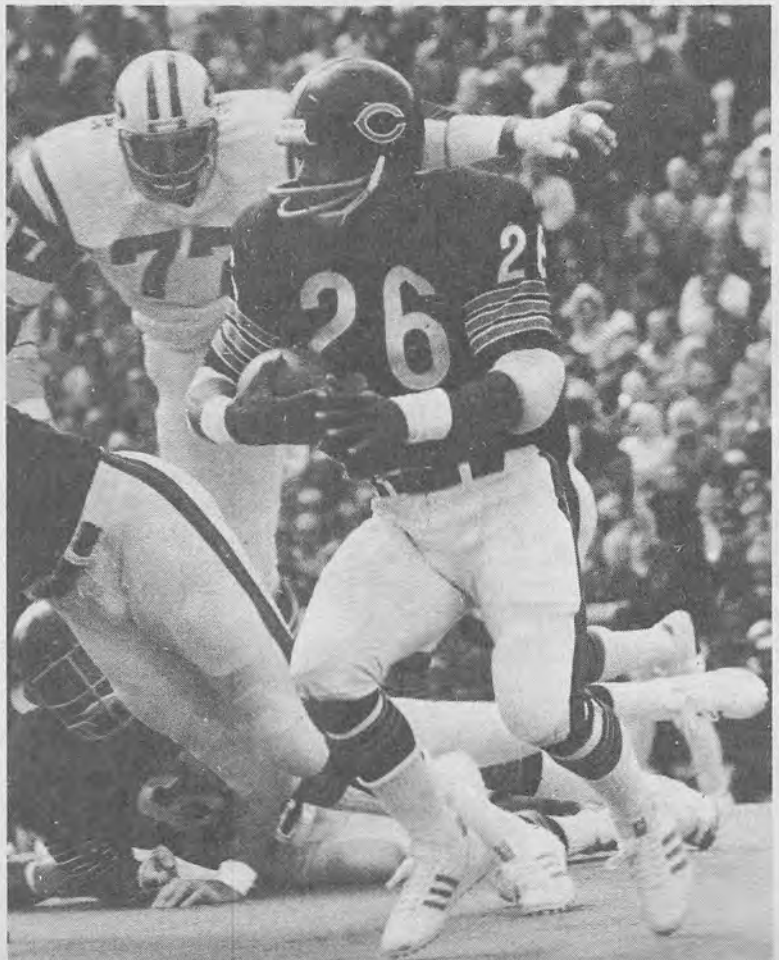
The defense, through Butkus' era, inflicted welts and phobias. Butkus now is gone—and the Bears' defense is more team style than individual. The front four is quite good. It consists of Dave Gallagher, Jim Osborne, Wally Chambers and Mel Tom. Cham-



BOB NEWTON is starting his fifth season as a guard with the Bears.

IKE HILL served Chicago as a wide receiver and punt returner throughout 1974 campaign.

CARL GARRETT, jitterbugging runner, hopefully is recovered from an ankle ailment that limited him to 346 yards on ground last season.





CHICAGO MASSIVE FRONT FOUR (L-R): WALLY CHAMBERS, 6-6, 255-lb. tackle; MEL TOM, 6-4, 242, end; JIM OSBORN, 6-3, 254, tackle, and DAVE GALLAGHER, 6-4, 256, end, totaled 202 unassisted tackles and 94 assists last year for Bears.



WALTER PAYTON, Bears No. 1 pick, says he was the best RB in draft.

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Roder, 44 points on 17 XP, 9 field goals	16th
RUSHING —Grandberry, 144 carries for 475 yds., 3.3 Avg., 6 TDs	16th
PASSING —Huff, 142 of 283 attempts for 1663 yds., 6 TDs	13th
RECEIVING —Wade, 39 receptions for 683 yds., 1 TD	17th
INTERCEPTIONS —Clemons, 4 for 84 yds., 21.0 Avg.	11th
PUNTING —Parsons, 90 punts, 37.9 Avg., longest 59 yds.	10th
PUNT RETURNS —Hill, 33 for 183 yds., 5.5 Avg.	18th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Grandberry, 22 for 568 yds., 25.8 Avg.	5th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	9 AT San Diego (N)
	16 AT Green Bay (N)
	23 ST. LOUIS
	30 DENVER (N)
Sept.	6 AT Miami (N)
	13 HOUSTON (N)

	1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept.	21 BALTIMORE	—
	28 PHILADELPHIA	—
Oct.	5 AT Minnesota	7-11
	12 AT Detroit	17-34
	19 AT Pittsburgh	—
	27 MINNESOTA (N)	0-17
Nov.	2 MIAMI	—
	9 GREEN BAY	10-9
	16 AT San Francisco	0-34
	23 AT Los Angeles	—
	30 AT Green Bay	3-20
Dec.	7 DETROIT	17-9
	14 ST. LOUIS	—
	21 AT New Orleans	24-10

BEARS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
	Alderman, Grady	T	6-2	247	36	16	Detroit
79	Antoine, Lionel	T	6-6	263	25	4	So. Illinois
74	Asher, Bob	T	6-6	260	27	5	Vanderbilt
18	Barnes, Joe	QB	5-11	196	23	2	Texas Tech
50	Bryant, W.	LB	6-3	230	23	2	Tenn. St.
55	Buffone, Doug	LB	6-2	227	31	10	Louisville
60	Chambers, W.	DT	6-6	255	24	3	East. Ky.
25	Clemons, Craig	S	5-11	200	26	4	Iowa
52	Coady, Rich	C	6-3	246	30	6	Memphis St.
10	Douglass, Bob	QB	6-4	228	28	7	Kansas
48	Ellis, Allan	CB	5-10	182	24	3	UCLA
43	Farmer, George	WR	6-4	214	27	6	UCLA
62	Forrest, Tom	G	6-2	255	23	3	Cincinnati
29	Gagnon, Dave	RB	5-10	210	23	2	Ferris St.
76	Gallagher, Dave	DE	6-4	256	23	2	Michigan
26	Garrett, Carl	RB	5-10	205	28	7	N. Mex. H'ds
12	Golden, Don	S-K	6-4	210	24	0	Georgia
47	Grandberry, Ken	RB	6-0	196	23	2	Wash. St.
30	Gunn, Jimmy	LB	6-1	218	26	4	So. Calif.
84	Harris, Richard	DE	6-5	255	27	5	Grambling
17	Hill, Ike	WR	5-10	179	28	3	Catawba
67	Hoban, Mike	G	6-2	235	23	2	Michigan
34	Hodgins, Norm	S	6-1	191	23	3	LSU
72	Hrivnak, Gary	DE	6-5	254	24	3	Purdue
19	Huff, Gary	QB	6-1	194	24	3	Florida St.
65	Hultz, Don	DT	6-3	239	34	13	So. Miss.
59	Jackson, Randy	T	6-5	247	31	9	Florida
58	Janet, Ernie	G	6-4	255	26	4	Washington
88	Kelly, Jim	TE	6-4	210	24	2	Tenn. St.
63	Kinney, Steve	T	6-5	259	26	3	Utah St.
31	Knox, Bill	CB	5-9	193	24	2	Purdue
33	Kosins, Gary	RB	6-2	213	26	4	Dayton
44	Lyle, Garry	S	6-2	193	27	5	Geo. Wash.
27	Mostgomery, R.	CB	5-11	185	27	8	Weber St.
78	Newton, Bob	G	6-4	260	26	5	Nebraska
	Nordquist, Mark	G	6-4	246	29	8	Pacific
88	Osborne, Jim	DT	6-3	254	25	4	Southern
82	Pagac, Fred	TE	6-0	220	23	2	Ohio St.
96	Parsons, Bob	TE	6-5	234	25	4	Penn St.
58	Pifferini, Bob	LB	6-2	226	25	4	UCLA
80	Rather, Bo	WR	6-1	180	24	3	Michigan
87	Reynolds, Tom	WR	6-3	200	25	2	E. Diego St.
57	Rives, Don	LB	6-2	220	24	3	Texas Tech
15	Roder, Mirro	K	6-1	228	31	3	None
22	Taylor, Clifton	RB	5-11	200	23	2	Memphis St.
20	Taylor, Joe	CB	6-0	197	34	9	N C A&T
89	Tom, Mel	DE	6-4	242	34	9	S. Jose St.
46	VanValkenburg, RB	RB	6-2	205	25	3	Brig. Young
83	Wade, Charlie	WR	5-10	163	25	2	Tenn. St.
85	Wheeler, Wayne	WR	6-2	180	26	2	Alabama
36	Williams, Perry	RB	6-4	222	28	7	Purdue

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Avellini, Bob	QB	6-2	197	22	Maryland
Beckman, Witt	WR	6-3	200	23	Miami
Brady, Barry	WR	6-3	190	22	Alcorn St.
Dean, Mike	K	5-11½	210	21	Texas
Doherty, Brian	K	6-2	190	22	Notre Dame
Douthitt, Earl	S	6-2	188	22	Iowa
Engelbos, Greg	DB	5-10	190	22	Minnesota
Harper, Roland	RB	5-11½	194	22	La. Tech
Harris, Joe	LB	6-0	217	22	Ga. Tech
Hartenstine, M.	DE	6-3	240	22	Penn St.
Hartfield, Walter	RB	6-2	217	24	S.W. Texas
Hicks, Tom	LB	6-4	237	22	Illinois
Jackson, Noah	G	6-2	263	25	Tampa
Julius, Mike	OG	6-3	242	23	St. Thomas
Kaczmarek, Mike	LB	6-4	235	24	So. Illinois
Kranz, Marty	DB	6-1	190	23	Mankato St.
Livers, Virgil	DB	5-8½	175	23	Western Ky
McDaniel, C.	RB	5-11	176	22	La. Tech
Marcantonio, S.	WR	6-4	203	21	Miami
Payton, Walter	RB	5-10½	200	21	Jackson St.
Piank, Doug	DB	5-11½	197	22	Ohio St.
Simmons, Earl	K	6-1	200	24	TCU
Sorey, Rvie	G	6-2	260	21	Illinois
Stillwell, Roger	DT	6-5	265	23	Stanford
Thomas, Bob	K	5-10	178	23	Notre Dame

bers is a superior talent who will be All-Pro. Richard Harris and rookie Mike Hartenstine are among the prominent reserves.

Waymond Bryant now should be prepared to play in the middle in his second year. That is the location from which Butkus terrorized for so long. Doug Buffone and Jimmy Gunn are formidable outside backers with Bob Pifferini in reserve.

Finks added Nemiah Wilson from Oakland to bolster the secondary. Wilson should be a corner starter in competition with Allan Ellis and Joe Taylor. Garry Lyle and the rowdy Craig Clemons are the safeties.

Mirro Roder, once a bricklayer in Czechoslovakia, returns as a power place kicker.

The Bears are changing from top eventually to bottom. With Jim Finks making the decisions the venerable franchise of the the Halases should be toddlin' again soon.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

PREDICTION 4th

Green Bay is immersed in a ghostly legend, locked to it. Now Bart Starr, perhaps Vincent Lombardi reincarnate, has been given the task of resurrecting the Packers.

Once in 1958 Lombardi, then an obscure assistant coach with the Giants, received the identical assignment. He succeeded rapidly . . . in three years and he became fabled. He was the most vital football personage of his era. His image continues in Green Bay after his death.

This legacy of Lombardi destroyed Dan Devine in four years. Devine was persecuted by the populace of the smallest community in organized sport. The people brutalized him, his family, with taunts and threats and overt atrocities.

The Packers won one of the four years under Devine. Last year, after a 6-8 season, the Packers intended to sack Devine, drive him from town. He delivered the perfect squelch. The day before the firing, he resigned to succeed Ara Parseghian at Notre Dame. The citizens who mocked him were deprived of their final sadistic pleasure of watching Devine writhe in the agony of discharge.

He had coached with a monkey on his back—the memory of Lombardi. The message on the bumper stickers in graffiti-minded Green Bay had demanded “A Fresh Start with Bart.”

So be it. Lombardi had coached the Packers to five world championships. His quarterback in those victory years was Bart Starr, an automaton—the perfect extension of Lombardi on the field.

“I ask for the prayers and patience of all Packer fans,” said Coach Bart Starr.

“I hope to restore some of the prestige that was so much a part of this organization . . . I hope to

build on the great lessons we learned from Coach Lombardi.”

Devine left his successor with a statement to ponder—a millstone for Starr, actually. Devine said: “I know it’s going to be a winner. It can’t help but be a winner. I wish I could have inherited a team like I’m leaving. There’s no way they can’t make it to the Super Bowl.”

Starr, after his retirement from playing, had spent 1972 as Devine’s assistant. They could not get along. That one year Starr

BART STARR, Coach.

Assistants: Dave Hanner, Paul Roach, Zeke Bratkowski, Leon McLaughlin, Lew Carpenter, Jim Colbert, John Meyer, Bob Lord, Billy Kinard.

ran the offense, called the plays. It was the one year in Devine’s tenure that the Packers won the division, cracking Minnesota’s monopoly.

Starr had rejected at least three prior opportunities to become a head coach. His credentials, his potential to coach, were that favorable. The Eagles, Rams and Falcons wooed him and had been spurned. Starr waited patiently for the job of his choice.

“When a man is figuratively tapped on the shoulder,” Starr

CHESTER MARCOL, the Packers’ placekicker and the NFC’s leading scorer, rejoices after booting one of his 25 field goals during 1974 campaign.



said paraphrasing a Churchillian credo, "what a tragedy it would be if he is unprepared for his finest hour."

Starr quotes from Vince Lombardi and Winston Churchill, proven winners and proven leaders.

But there is one glaring difference between Lombardi, the man who left the ghostly legacy, and Starr, the man who now accepts it. Lombardi had Bart Starr to play quarterback.

The Packers have John Hadl. The club, at midseason last year, mortgaged its future for a dependable quarterback. Starr likes Hadl. But as a private citizen of Green Bay he denounced the trade because of its expense to the Packers. They paid the Rams five high draft choices—two No. 1s, two No. 2s and a No. 3. That would be above the market value for all but a quarterback of Starr's caliber.

Hadl showed winning capabilities in his half-season stint with the Packers. Now he must be the key mover in Bart's first coaching season. That is Starr's first need—to bolster an offense that sputtered and was one of the most inefficient in the NFC.

There is much running potency, but insufficient receiving to catch the passes Hadl throws so well with a slinging motion. There is also an age danger. Hadl is 35. Starr knows personally how el-



JOHN BROCKINGTON (42), pile-driving Packers running back, gets blocking help from RICH McGEORGE (81) in knifing through opposing defensive line.

derly quarterbacks become more brittle and vulnerable. Behind Hadl, the Packers have Jack Concannon, another hoary veteran, and Jerry Tagge, who had been No. 1 and was too tender to

hold the assignment.

Running, the Packers have John Brockington, a bolting, intimidating back with a stupendous record. Brock hit the Thousand-Yard milestone his first three seasons and was shy only last year as a pro. He gained 883 yards—more than any NFC back but Lawrence McCutcheon. Brock regarded that as a failure, and thus will be doubly inspired to reach the Thou again. It is a reasonable objective.

MacArthur Lane meshes well with Brock. Lane runs with power himself, catches passes and is an unselfish blocker for his partner. Even so, Lane could be pushed back by rookie Willard Harrell, Barty Smith or Les Goodman.

Hadl's receivers are somewhat anonymous. Jon Stagers and Barry Smith are the likely starters challenged strongly by Steve Odom and Ken Payne.

During Lombardi's years, the Green Bay sweep was premier example of the Packers' preci-

TED HENDRICKS, the 6-7 "Mad Stork," is an outstanding middle linebacker.





MacARTHUR LANE (36) looks for opening as JOHN BROCKINGTON (42) blocks.

sioned power. It was catapulted by awesome blocking from the linemen.

Thus, Starr has given the offensive line the highest priority in his first year of the recreation. Bill Hayhoe is back from injury as are Bill Lueck and Bruce Van Dyke. Gale Gillingham long has played guard with All-Pro ability. Starr used his highest draft pick to take tackle-guard Bill Bain on the second round. Bain is expected to start. In a trade, Starr reacquired Bill Curry from the Rams. Curry had hiked the ball to Starr in the first two victorious Super Bowls.

The defense is quite solid, particularly the linebacking. Mike McCoy has become a sensational defensive tackle on a better than average front four. Dave Pureifory and Steve Oknowieski share the other tackle. Alden Roche is an excellent pass rusher from the outside. Clarence Williams is a strong end. In addition, Aaron Brown is due back after 1974 injuries.

The Packers' could have the finest linebacking corps in captivity. Ted Hendricks, the Mad Stork, is a superlative outside linebacker with an extra specialty of blocking enemy kicks. Fred Carr plays the outside with ferocity. Jim Carter had developed a fine middle linebacker. In addition the Packers have a rugged performer in Larry Hefner.

The secondary is cohesive with Ken Ellis and Willie Buchanon at the corners and Jim Hill and Al Matthews at safety. But Starr wanted another hitter back deep and could stick rookie Steve Luke into the unit.

Chet Marcol, the Polish-born soccerstylist, is an annual per-

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Marcol, 94 points on 19 XP, 25 field goals	1st
RUSHING —Brockington, 266 carries for 883 yds., 3.3 Avg., 5 TDs	2nd
PASSING —Tagge, 70 of 146 attempts for 719 yds., 1 TD	15th
RECEIVING —Brockington, 43 receptions for 314 yds.	11th
INTERCEPTIONS —Hendricks, 5 for 74 yds., 14.8 Avg.	8th
PUNTING —Walker, 69 punts, 38.4 Avg., longest 58 yds.	8th
PUNT RETURNS —Odom, 15 for 191 yds., 12.7 Avg., 1 TD	6th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Odom, 31 for 713 yds., 23.0 Avg.	14th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	9 BUFFALO (N)
	16 CHICAGO (Mil, N)
	23 AT Cincinnati (N)
	30 NEW ENGLAND (N)
Sept.	6 AT Kansas City (N)
	13 SAN FRANCISCO (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 DETROIT	21-19
29 AT Denver (N)	—
Oct. 5 MIAMI	—
12 AT New Orleans	—
19 AT Dallas	—
26 PITTSBURGH	—
Nov. 2 MINNESOTA	17-32
9 AT Chicago	9-10
16 AT Detroit	17-19
23 N.Y. GIANTS	—
30 CHICAGO	20-3
Dec. 7 AT Minnesota	19-7
14 AT Los Angeles	17-6
21 ATLANTA	3-10

former in the Pro Bowl as a place kicker. No worry . . . Marcoll's field goals have been the dominant feature of the offense.

So Starr is back as the new Lombardi with a familiar task. It would help to start if he had a Jerry Kramer, a Ray Nitschke, a Paul Hornung and Jim Taylor and Bart Starr and Max McGee and Ron Kramer. Vince Lombardi did.

PACKERS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
57	Acks, Ron	LB	6-2	225	29	8	Arizona St.
42	Brockington, J.	RB	6-1	225	25	5	Ohio St.
74	Brown, Aaron	DE	6-5	270	31	9	Minnesota
28	Buchanon, W.	CB	6-0	190	23	4	S. Diego St.
53	Carr, Fred	LB	6-5	240	28	8	El Paso
50	Carter, Jim	LB	6-3	245	26	6	Minnesota
10	Concannon, Jack	QB	6-3	200	31	11	Boston Col.
58	Cooney, Mark	LB	6-4	230	22	2	Colorado
	Curry, Bill	C	6-2	235	32	11	Ga. Tech
86	Donohoe, Mike	TE	6-3	230	29	6	San Fran.
48	Ellis, Ken	CB	5-10	195	26	6	Southern
71	Fanucci, Mike	DE	6-4	242	25	4	Arizona St.
68	Gillingham, Gale	G	6-3	265	30	10	Minnesota
25	Goodman, Les	RB	5-11	206	24	3	Yankton
12	Hadl, John	QB	6-1	214	34	14	Kansas
21	Hall, Charley	CB	6-1	190	26	5	Pittsburgh
27	Hayhoe, Bill	T	6-8	260	28	6	So. Calif.
51	Hefner, Larry	LB	6-2	230	25	4	Clemson
56	Hendricks, Ted	LB	6-7	220	26	7	Miami
39	Hill, Jim	S	6-2	195	27	7	Tex. A&I
72	Himes, Dick	T	6-4	260	28	8	Ohio St.
55	Jenke, Noel	LB	6-1	225	27	5	Minnesota
30	Krause, Larry	RB	6-0	208	26	6	St. Norbert
36	Lane, MacArthur	RB	6-1	220	32	8	Utah St.
23	Leigh, Charlie	RB	5-11	206	28	7	no college
62	Lueck, Bill	G	6-4	250	28	8	Arizona
13	Marcol, Chester	K	6-0	190	25	4	Hillsdale
43	Mason, Dave	DB	6-0	195	24	3	Nebraska
29	Matthews, Al	S	5-11	190	26	6	Tex. A&I
54	McCarren, Larry	C	6-3	248	23	3	Illinois
76	McCoy, Mike	DT	6-5	275	25	6	Notre Dame
81	McGeorge, Rich	TE	6-4	230	25	6	Elon
11	Napper, Charles	QB	6-1	190	24	1	Tex. Tech
70	Nystrom, Lee	T	6-5	260	23	3	MacAlester
84	Odom, Steve	WR	5-8	165	21	2	Utah
73	Okoniewski, S.	DT	6-4	252	25	4	Montana
85	Payne, Ken	WR	6-1	185	23	2	Langston
75	Pureifory, Dave	DE	6-1	255	24	4	E. Mich.
64	Purvis, Bart	G	6-4	240	22	1	Maryland
87	Roche, Alden	DE	6-4	255	28	6	Southern
79	Schuh, Harry	T	6-3	260	31	11	Memphis
80	Smith, Barry	WR	6-1	190	23	3	Florida St.
33	Smith, Barry	RB	6-3½	240	22	2	Richmond
45	Smith, Perry	CB	6-1	195	23	3	Colo. St.
52	Schmitt, John	C	6-4	250	31	12	Hofstra
67	Snider, M.	G-T	6-4	250	27	7	Stanford
22	Staggers, Jon	WR	5-10	180	25	6	Missouri
17	Tagge, Jerry	QB	6-2	215	24	4	Nebraska
26	Torkelson, Eric	RB	6-2	194	21	2	Connecticut
59	Toner, Tom	LB	6-3	235	24	2	Idaho St.
61	Van Dyke, Bruce	G	6-2	255	30	9	Missouri
18	Walker, Randy	P	5-10	177	22	2	N.W. La.
20	Wildby, Ron	P	6-4	220	29	7	Tennessee
83	Williams, C.	DE	6-5	255	27	6	Pr. View
65	Wortman, Keith	G	6-2	250	24	4	Nebraska

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
87	Allen, Randy	WR	6-0	175	22	Southern
63	Armstrong, E.	LB	6-2	222	23	San Jose
69	Bain, Bill	G-T	6-4	269	22	USC
19	Brown, Carlos	QB	6-2	208	23	Pacific
88	Blackmon, Stan	TE	6-6	240	24	N. Tex. St.
78	Cooke, William	C-T	6-5	251	23	Mass.
83	DeChellis, E.	FL	6-1	185	22	Villanova
37	Fuhrman, Bob	DB	6-2	185	23	Utah St.
41	Glaquinto, Tony	WR	6-3	188	23	Conn. Cent.
24	Gray, Johnnie	DB	5-11	185	22	Fullerton
40	Harrell, Willard	RB	5-8	180	22	Pacific
82	Helf, Robert	WR	6-5	220	21	Carroll
47	Hodgin, Jay	RB	5-10	194	22	S. Carolina
91	Kalrit, Bill	DL	6-3	235	22	Brown
38	Kolesar, Tom	KS	6-1	198	21	Reno
16	Knapp, Alfred	P-KS	6-1	220	23	Utah St.
46	Luke, Steve	DB	6-1	202	21	Ohio St.
58	McCaffrey, Bob	C	6-2	240	23	USC
90	Martin, Bob	DE	6-4	242	22	Washington
85	Moore, John	WR	6-2	180	25	Pr. View
38	Mordecai, Rick	DB	5-10	176	22	W. Tex. St.
66	Pierce, Donn	LB	6-0	215	22	St. Norbert
27	Ray, Tom	DB	5-11	180	22	C. Mich.
92	Ullmer, Charlie	DL	6-3	235	23	none
93	Warwick, Bob	DL	6-3	265	24	No't. St.
35	Wehmeyer, Dave	FB	5-11	210	22	Tex. Luth.

DALLAS COWBOYS

PREDICTION 1st

Professional football, the professors of the sport maintain, is a game of cycles. Teams have their ups and teams have their downs. Only a few of the teams can violate this truism and remain in the up cycle for a prolonged period.

The Cowboys managed for eight years to remain in the up cycle for a simple, solitary reason. Their method of procurement was more sophisticated, wiser than any of the competition in the NFC.

For eight years—longer than a

DREW PEARSON snared 62 passes for 1087 yards for Cowboys last year.



generation in the NFL—the Cowboys reached the Super Bowl playoffs. They drafted expertly, traded skillfully and always replenished. But during this time the Cowboys could win just a single Super Bowl. Most clubs would be envious of that accomplishment. But for the Cowboys, with their sterling record, there was perennial disappointment except for the singular ultimate success.

Thus, the Cowboys caught the terrible stigma, that mocking, derisive reputation: "They can't win the big ones."

Last year, after the eight seasons of playoff qualification, the Cowboys collected a different reputation. They couldn't win the little ones either. And for the first time since their ascent in 1966, they missed the playoffs entirely. A normal franchise, following the cycle syndrome, would now be enveloped in a down.

The Cowboys are not a normal franchise. They retain this masterful system of replenishment. In the past two years the Cow-

TOM LANDRY, Coach.

Assistants: Ermal Allen, Ernie Stautner, Jim Myers, Jerry Tubbs, Ed Hughes, Mike Ditka, Alvin Roy, Gene Stallings, Dan Reeves.

boys have added oodles of superior young talent, sufficient to keep them viable.

Therefore, despite encroaching age, the Cowboys are a team with title potential. They are a team without massive strengths, certainly not as talented as they were when they lost Super Bowl V and won Super Bowl VI. But neither are they a team with noticeable, nagging weaknesses.

"As I see it," said Tom Landry, the only man to coach the Cowboys, "the thing we're going to have to do to return to the playoffs is to continue to blend sufficient youth into our team, especially on defense, as we lose our experienced players."

"There's no escaping the fact we missed the playoffs. But I'm fairly confident our failure to gain them was due to two things. One was the players strike and the other was World Football League signings. I think this caused us to get off to a slow start and we were able to win only one of our first five games."

ROGER STAUBACH, the Cowboys scrambling quarterback, tries to pull away from would-be tackler, but is about to be brought down unceremoniously.



"The reason I mention these points is that I'm not sure whether the caliber of our players has dropped to the point that we should expect an 8-6 record.

"I am of the opinion that it has not dropped that far."

While slumping—it cannot be considered a down cycle—the Cowboys added via their stockpile of draft choices such athletes as Ed (Too Tall) Jones, Randy White, Harvey Martin, Billy Joe DuPree, Charles Young and Ken Hutcherson.

The Cowboys' replenishment method is exemplified by the draft. Despite records which kept them low in the draft rotation, the Cowboys the last two years had the prestigious privilege of picking No. 1 or No. 2 in the draft. These choices were gained via intelligent trading. Dallas picked Jones first in 1974, White second in 1975.

The club had six choices in the first four rounds this year.

The Cowboys traditionally bog themselves with slow starts, even in their conference championship years. But last year they sabotaged themselves with a four-game losing streak. They suffered the inability to win the little games—losing to the Giants and Eagles, even. This time their late-season dash failed.

The aging process—and the uncertainty whether the young-

sters will develop soon enough—could be damaging to Dallas. The Redskins, the Cowboys' arch-rivals, have thrived with curios and fossils. The Cowboys could go into the season with 11 starters—half their team—at a tottering age 30 or older. The seniority runs as high as 36, Bob Lilly's age. Vet center Dave Manders retired at 34 for job in radio.

"I think the most positive area of our football team is the offensive team," said Landry.

The Cowboys have been successful through the years with the most complex offense in the NFC.

Roger Staubach runs the offense with skill and precision. Landry has faith Staubach will overcome last year's frustrations. "Remember," said Landry, "he led the league in passing his other two seasons as the starter." With Craig Morton gone for the No. 1 draft choice, melodramatic Clint Longley plays backup QB.

Through the years, the Cowboys have had dazzling outside receivers and the bomb capability. Drew Pearson and Golden Richards, youngsters who attest to the Cowboys' replenishment method, now are the outside men. Pearson was All-Pro last year. Bob Hayes, still a burner, remains on the club for the special emergency.

DuPree has become an excellent tight end backed by Jean Fugett.

The running always has been strong in Dallas. But the Cowboys expect to lose Calvin Hill, a bonafide Thousand-Yarder to

the WFL. In his place is the youngster Charles Young, who has size and catches passes well as a back must do in Dallas. Doug Dennison could challenge Young. Walt Garrison, the old standby rodeo performer, remains the fullback. Robert Newhouse provides the vital depth.

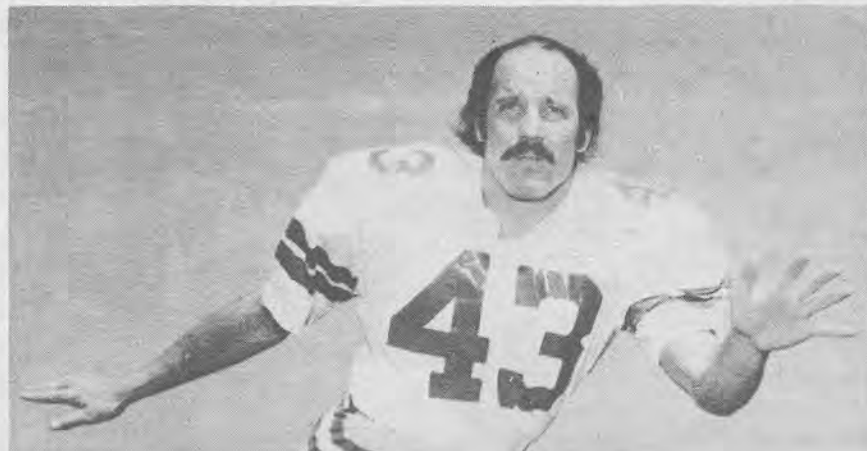


ED "TOO TALL" JONES lived up to his billing with fine rookie year.

RAYFIELD WRIGHT was hampered by a knee injury during 1974 season.



CLIFF HARRIS, veteran safety, was Dallas' best defensive back in 1974.





WALT GARRISON was hurt in rodeo mishap and will miss some of '75.

"Our offensive line is the most experienced and strongest single element of our team," Landry said.

It is a familiar and brilliant group—Ralph Neely, John Niland, John Fitzgerald, Blaine Nye and Rayfield Wright across.

The question of youth could handicap the defense. Jones and Martin are the defensive ends, with White a possibility to start there or at linebacker. If Lilly retires, Larry Cole will move inside to pair with Gregory at tackle. Otherwise, Cole will rotate at end.

Lee Roy Jordan, the team leader, plays the middle linebacker and Dave Edwards is a standby at the strongside. The departure of D. D. Lewis from weakside backer leaves Hutcherson or perhaps rookie Tom Henderson to plug the void. Henderson was the Cowboys' second selection on the first round of the draft.

The secondary is mature. That means aged and experienced. Mel Renfro and either Mark Washington or Benny Barnes remain

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Herrera, 57 points on 33 XP, 8 field goals	9th
RUSHING —Hill, 185 carries for 844 yds., 4.6 Avg., 7 TDs	3rd
PASSING —Staubach, 190 of 360 attempts for 2552 yds., 11 TDs	7th
RECEIVING —Pearson, 62 receptions for 1087 yds., 2 TDs	2nd
INTERCEPTIONS —Harris, 3 for 8 yds., 2.7 Avg.	33rd
PUNTING —Carrell, 40 punts, 39.8 Avg., longest 59 yds.	5th
PUNT RETURNS —Morgan, 19 for 287 yds., 15.1 Avg., 1 TD	2nd
KICKOFF RETURNS —Morgan, 35 for 823 yds., 23.5 Avg.	11th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	9 AT Los Angeles (N)
	18 AT Kansas City (N)
	23 MINNESOTA (N)
	30 AT Houston (N)
Sept.	6 OAKLAND (N)
	13 PITTSBURGH (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 LOS ANGELES	—
28 ST LOUIS	17-14
Oct. 6 AT Detroit (N)	—
12 AT N.Y. Giants	21-7
19 GREEN BAY	—
26 AT Philadelphia	10-13
Nov. 2 AT Washington	21-28
10 KANSAS CITY (N)	—
16 AT New England	—
23 PHILADELPHIA	31-24
30 N.Y. GIANTS	6-14
Dec. 7 AT St. Louis	28-31
13 WASHINGTON	24-23
21 AT N.Y. Jets	—

the cornerbacks. Cornell Green, still brilliant, is the strong safety though he is pressured now by converted Charlie Waters. Cliff Harris is a canny free safety.

Kicking is annually a guessing game at Dallas, which exists here via trial and error. Toni Fritch missed all last year with injury and Efren Herrera became the placekicker.

Said Landry: "As for the Eastern Division race, I don't see any real change this year except I think we might have an advantage since there probably won't be many people picking us to win it."

A first-place vote here for Dallas.

COWBOYS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
64	Arneson, Jim	C-G	6-3	252	24	3	Arizona
31	Barnes, Benny	CB	6-1	192	24	4	Stanford
10	Carrell, Duane	P	5-10	185	25	2	Florida St.
63	Cole, Larry	DE	6-4	250	28	8	Hawaii
21	Dennison, Doug	RB	6-1	195	23	2	Kutztown
89	Dupree, Billy J.	TE	6-4	228	25	3	Mich. St.
52	Edwards, Dave	LB	6-1	226	35	13	Auburn
62	Fitzgerald, John	C	6-3	255	27	5	Boston Col.
15	Fritsch, Toni (X)	K	5-7	185	30	4	None
84	Fugett, Jean	TE	6-3	226	23	4	Amherst
32	Garrison, Walt	RB	6-0	205	31	10	Okla. State
34	Green, Cornell	S	6-3	212	35	14	Utah St.
77	Gregory, Bill	DT	6-5	252	25	5	Wisconsin
43	Harris, Cliff	S	6-0	190	26	6	Quachita
22	Hayes, Bob	WR	5-11	190	31	11	Fla. A&M
1	Herrera, Efren	K	5-9	185	24	2	UCLA
35	Hill, Calvin	RB	6-4	230	28	7	Yale
86	Houston, Bill	WR	6-3	208	24	2	Jackson St.
87	Howard, Ron	TE	6-4	215	24	2	Seattle
59	Hutcherson, K.	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Livingston
72	Jones, Ed	DE	6-9	260	24	2	Tenn. St.
55	Jordan, Lee Roy	LB	6-1	226	33	13	Alabama
60	Killian, Gene	G	6-4	250	22	2	Tennessee
6	Kokolus, H. (X)	K	5-10	184	23	1	Iowa
50	Lewis, D. D.	LB	6-1	218	29	7	Miss. State
74	Lilly, Bob	DT	6-5	260	36	15	TCU
19	Longley, Clint	QB	6-1	193	23	2	Abilene Chr.
79	Martin, Harvey	DE	6-5	252	24	3	E. Tex. St.
37	Morgan, Dennis	RB	5-11	200	23	2	West. Ill.
73	Neely, Ralph	T	6-6	255	32	11	Oklahoma
44	Newhouse, R.	RB	5-10	205	25	4	Houston
76	Niland, John	G	6-3	255	31	10	Iowa
61	Nye, Blaine	G	6-4	255	29	8	Stanford
88	Pearson, Drew	WR	6-0	183	24	3	Tulsa
58	Peterson, Cal	LB	6-3	220	22	2	UCLA
75	Pugh, Jethro	DT	6-6	250	31	11	Eliz. City
20	Renfro, Mel	CB	6-0	192	33	12	Oregon
83	Richards, G.	WR	6-0	183	25	3	Hawaii
12	Staubach, Roger	QB	6-3	197	33	7	Navy
40	Strayhorn, Les	RB	5-10	205	24	3	E. Carolina
67	Toomay, Pat	DE	6-5	250	27	6	Vanderbilt
57	Walker, Louie	LB	6-1	216	23	2	Colorado St.
71	Wallace, R. (X)	T	6-5	255	26	4	New Mexico
78	Walton, Bruce	T	6-6	252	24	3	UCLA
46	Washington, M.	CB	5-10	186	27	6	Morgan St.
41	Waters, Charlie	S	6-1	193	26	6	Clemson
70	Wright, Rayfield	T	6-6	260	30	9	Fl. Valley
30	Young, Charles	RB	6-1	210	22	2	N. C. State

(X) Missed entire '74 season with injury

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
White, Randy	DE	6-4	250	22	Maryland
Henderson, Tom	LB	6-2	214	22	Langston
Lawless, Burton	G	6-4	253	22	Florida
Breunig, Bob	LB	6-2	236	22	Ariz. St.
Donovan, Pat	DE	6-5	240	22	Stanford
Hughes, Randy	DB	6-4	209	22	Oklahoma
Davis, Kyle	C	6-3	240	23	Oklahoma
Woolsey, Rollie	DB	6-1	175	22	Boise St.
Hegman, M.	LB	6-4	220	23	Tenn. St.
Hoopes, Mitch	P	6-0	210	22	Arizona
Jones, Ed	DB	6-0	193	23	Rutgers
Booker, Dennis	RB	6-1	235	25	Millersville
Krpalek, Greg	C	6-5	242	22	Oregon St.
Bland, Charles	DB	5-11	188	22	Cincinnati
Scott, Herbert	G	6-2	248	22	Va. Union
Laddlaw, Scott	RB	6-0	206	22	Stanford
Hamilton, Willie	RB	5-11	182	23	Arizona
Clark, Pete	TE	6-4	234	23	Colorado St.
Testerman, Jim	TE	6-5	225	22	Dayton

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

PREDICTION 2nd

Across America George Allen's methods encouraged the aged, the beaten, the forgotten, the used-up people.

He hired the senior citizens, the fossils of his business, those cast adrift toward oblivion. It was as though he toured the Skid Rows of the NFL and restored dignity to those down and out. He brought them first to Los Angeles. He revived the Rams' inert franchise with his specialized elixir of blarney. He recreated the act when he was exiled to Washington.

George has completed four years in Washington. The Redskins reached the playoffs all four seasons. They should again, as a wildcard representative at least. But all is not harmonious on the

Redskins in post-Nixonian Washington. Some of George's dogma is being attacked by the very curios he salvaged and melded into a solid team of obedient zombies.

One Sunday in the Redskins' locker room after leading the hip-hip-hoorays for an NFC championship, Allen turned mawkish. He looked down on his assembled subjects of the media—he was elevated in a folding-chair throne upon a table—and declared solemnly:

"I love those words, The Over-the-Hill Gang."

Perhaps the moisture in his eyes was genuine. You never could be sure with Allen. His gang—the culls and geezers assembled and united by Allen—were going to a Super Bowl.

Elsewhere in the empire of pro

GEORGE ALLEN, Coach.

Assistants: Bill Austin, Dick Biel-ski, Joe Walton, Paul Lanham, LaVern Torgeson, Charlie Wal-ler, Kirk Mee, Ralph Hawkins, Jim Hilyer.

football Allen's critics cluck-clucked at his audacity, mocked his system. But for Allen it worked. The proof is etched in the book. Allen's thesis of regeneration seemed eternally pragmatic.

Which is the reason for the puzzlement and disunity of 1975. Allen has dumped some treasured oldsters. Sonny Jurgensen, who was the embodiment of the Redskins, is gone at 41, a mellow age for a quarterback. Deacon Jones, once so magnificent a pass rusher and Allen's muscle in LA, has retired after a single season at the Fountain of Youth in D.C.

The drumming of the hoary Jurgy from the corps became the divisive straw for the Redskins. Jurgensen earned in the vicinity of \$125,000. But Allen never was restricted by economics in his

JOE THEISMANN (below) will try to unseat veteran BILLY KILMER (17, right) as Washington's No. 1 QB now that venerable Sonny Jurgensen no longer is among the Redskins.



dealings. He never especially cared for Jurgensen, who was chronically maimed. But still Jurgy would come off the bench when Billy Kilmer faltered. He could fire the Redskins. He led the conference in passing at 40 last year.

Allen's explanation seemed a treacherous sacrilege to those enrolled in his old folks cult.

"Money was a factor," George said. "But there were other things involved. We have a young quarterback who needs to be developed."

Developing a young quarterback has forever been the antithesis of Allen's proven principles. The prodigy is Joe Theismann, a stripling of 26. Allen is considering entrusting his quarterbacking to a tenderfoot.

Such provocative behavior seemingly undermined the characteristic harmony ingrained in Allen's teams. The Over-the-Hill Gang was broken up. Several

spoke in anger to the Washington Post, which Allen regards with as much displeasure as did his sidekick, Richard Nixon.

"To be perfectly honest, a lot of guys are sick of George," said one vet, anonymously for protection against Allen's standard \$1,000 fine for negative publicity. "The rah-rah approach is getting old. He deals behind the back."

"I'm angry as hell," said another "George did us an injustice. Sonny is the main reason we got into the playoffs last year."

"It seems so obvious that Joe is going to be the quarterback," said a third. "Who do you want backing him up, Billy or Sonny? 'If you're behind, Kilmer is not the guy who's going to get you back in the game.'"

So the Redskins start out with a partitioned club lacking the customary zeal. Allen figures it will pass.

"We're going to have to win 11

games to be sure of our division," he said. "The fifth year is going to be the most difficult year to make the playoffs."

Even with Jurgy gone, the polarized Redskins have much veteran talent. They can win despite the absence of the rah-rah.

Last year the Redskins were No. 1 on defense in the NFC. The unit returns. On offense the Redskins scored the most points in the NFC, 320. Much firepower remains.

It must be wondered if Allen really would play Theismann No. 1. He is quite partial to Kilmer, the craggy catalyst who throws the floppy passes. Theismann did play in Canada. But he skedad-dles and runs, hardly Allen's concept of offense. In addition, Allen has added the vagabond Randy Johnson, who seemingly made Jurgensen expendable. Kilmer is the likely starter.

At receiver, the Redskins play with three of the top four active receivers in the NFL. The irrepressible Charley Taylor is No. 1. Roy Jefferson is No. 3. Jerry Smith, the lightweight tight end, is No. 4. It is a super group—and with a normal season of 52 catches, Taylor will become the No. 1 career pass catcher in pro history. Behind them Allen has Frank Grant, Bill Malinchak and ex Dolphin Marv Fleming.

The running is potent if Larry Brown is healthy. In five years, Brown has run for more than 5,000 yards, an amazing statistic. Moses Denson, a strong plugger, is Brown's partner. Reliable Larry Smith could beat out Denson. And then there is Duane Thomas, the sullen sphinx.

Allen will tolerate much tomfoolery from a player who could produce. He gives Duane another chance.

"This should be the year for Duane to make a strong contribution to the Redskins," Allen said. "He showed signs of the Duane Thomas of old in our second Dallas game."

The line at Washington contributes heavily to the success of the offense. Len Hauss, Walt Sweeney, Paul Laaveg, George Starke and Terry Hermerling are the incumbents.

His player critics say Allen

LARRY BROWN, Redskins' acrobatic runner and receiver, makes circus catch and does mid-air split as Denver's JOHN ROWSER lies helplessly on turf.





GEORGE ALLEN, the rah-rah coach, leads Washington victory cheers.

CHRIS HANBURGER is recognized as Washington's top linebacking star.

cares little for the offense, much for the defense. "His idea of a perfect game," said one, "is a 3-0 victory."

This best-in-the conference defense rushes the passer with abandon and gathers interceptions with aplomb. Allen highly regards defensive end Ron McDole and tackle Diron Talbert. He speaks with less fervor about Verlon Biggs, the other end. Bill Brundige and Manny Sistrunk share the other tackle.

"Harold McLinton was the brightest star in the linebacking corps," Allen said in a typical comment. McLinton now is entrenched in the middle. The unstinting praise amazes because the peerless Chris Hanburger has been universally considered as the Redskins' brightest linebacking star. Hanburger returns to one outside spot and Dave Robinson, the ancient campaigner, to the other.

The secondary could be the NFC's best with Mike Bass and Pat Fischer at the corners and Ken Houston and Brig Owens at the safeties. All pick off passes. Allen often goes to five defensive backs and Ken Stone, the nickel man, is an outstanding interceptor.

Allen has been looking for kickers. Mike Moseley is the incumbent.

Allen, the ice cream addict, has splendid talent. But some of it is sulking and Allen might not be able to patch it with a pep talk.



1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Moseley, 81 points on 27 XP, 18 field goals	4th
RUSHING —Brown, 163 carries for 430 yds., 2.6 Avg., 3 TDs	18th
PASSING —Jurgensen, 107 of 167 attempts for 1185 yds., 11 TDs	1st
RECEIVING —Taylor, 54 receptions for 738 yds., 5 TDs	5th
INTERCEPTIONS —Stone 5 for 95 yds., 19.0 Avg.	7th
PUNTING —Bragg, 74 punts, 38.1 Avg. longest 57 yds.	9th
PUNT RETURNS —Theismann, 15 for 157 yds., 10.5 Avg.	8th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Jones, 23 for 672 yds., 29.2 Avg., 1 TD	2nd

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	2 Cincinnati at Canton, O.
	8 ATLANTA (N)
	16 AT Houston (N)
	22 CLEVELAND (N)
Sept.	29 DETROIT (N)
	7 N.Y. JETS (N)
	12 AT Baltimore (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 NEW ORLEANS	—
28 N.Y. GIANTS	24-3
Oct. 5 AT Philadelphia	27-20
13 ST. LOUIS (N)	10-17
19 AT Houston	—
26 AT Cleveland	—
Nov. 2 DALLAS	28-21
9 AT N.Y. Giants	13-10
16 AT St. Louis	20-23
23 OAKLAND	—
30 MINNESOTA	—
Dec. 7 AT Atlanta	—
13 AT Dallas	23-24
21 PHILADELPHIA	26-7

REDSKINS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
41	Aldridge, Allen	DE	6-6	250	30	4	Pr. View
86	Bass, Mike	CB	6-0	190	30	8	Michigan
4	Biggs, Verlon	DE	6-4	275	32	11	Jackson St.
4	Bragg, Mike	P	5-11	186	28	8	Richmond
43	Brown, Larry	RB	5-11	195	28	7	Kansas St.
77	Brundige, Bill	DT	6-5	270	26	6	Colorado
26	Brunet, Bob	RB	6-1	205	29	6	La. Tech
	Carroll, Joe	LB	6-1	225	25	3	Pittsburgh
40	Cunningham, D.	RB	6-0	195	30	9	Mississippi
44	Denson, Moses	RB	6-1	215	31	2	Mo.-E. Shore
59	Dusek, Brad	LB	6-2	214	24	2	Tex. A&M
31	Evans, Charlie	RB	6-1	220	27	5	So. Calif.
37	Fischer, Pat	CB	5-9	170	35	15	Nebraska
	Fleming, Marv	TE	6-4	230	33	13	Utah
46	Grant, Frank	WR	5-11	181	25	3	So. Colorado
55	Hanburger, Chris	LB	6-2	218	34	11	No. Carolina
84	Hancock, Mike	TE	6-4	220	25	3	Idaho St.
56	Hauss, Len	C	6-2	235	33	12	Georgia
	Hermeling, Terry	T	6-5	255	28	5	Reno
27	Houston, Ken	S	6-3	198	30	9	Pr. View
	Howard, Leroy	CB	5-11	179	26	2	Blshop
25	Hull, Mike	RB	6-3	220	29	8	So. Calif.
66	Imhof, Martin	DE	6-6	256	25	3	S. Diego St.
80	Jefferson, Roy	WR	6-2	195	31	11	Utah
	Johnson, Carl	G-T	6-4	255	25	3	Nebraska
61	Johnson, Dennis	DT	6-4	260	23	2	Delaware
	Johnson, Randy	QB	6-3	205	31	9	Tex. A&I
21	Jones, Larry	CB	5-10	170	24	2	N.E. Mo.
9	Jurgensen, S.	QB	6-0	203	41	19	Duke
17	Kilmer, Billy	QB	6-0	204	35	14	UCLA
	Kuziel, Bob	C	6-5	255	25	1	Pittsburgh
73	Laaveg, Paul	G	6-4	250	26	6	Iowa
24	Malinchak, Bill	WR	6-1	200	31	10	Indiana
79	McDole, Ron	DE	6-4	265	35	15	Nebraska
53	McLinton, H.	LB	6-2	235	28	7	Southern
	Minor, Lincoln	RB	6-2	211	25	2	N. Mex. St.
3	Moseley, Mark	K	6-0	205	27	4	Austin St.
57	O'Dell, Stu	LB	6-1	220	23	2	Indiana
	Overmyer, Bill	LB	6-3	220	26	2	Ashland
23	Owens, Brig	S	5-11	190	32	10	Cincinnati
	Parson, Ray	TE-T	6-5	239	28	3	Minnesota
52	Pergine, John	LB	6-1	225	29	7	Notre Dame
88	Reed, Alvin	TE	6-5	235	31	9	Pr. View
	Reppond, Mike	WR	6-0	185	24	2	Arkansas
	Ressler, Glenn	G	6-3	250	32	11	Penn St.
	Robinson, Craig	T	6-4	250	26	2	Houston
34	Robinson, D.	RB	6-1	190	23	1	Dakota St.
89	Robinson, Dave	LB	6-3	245	34	13	Penn State
	Rogers, Mel	LB	6-2	233	28	4	Fla. A&M
51	Ryczek, Dan	C	6-3	245	26	3	Virginia
30	Salter, Bryant	S	6-5	196	25	5	Pittsburgh
62	Schoenke, Ray	G	6-4	250	34	12	SMU
64	Sistrunk, Manny	DT	6-5	265	28	5	Ark. AM&N
87	Smith, Jerry	TE	6-3	208	32	11	Arizona St.
38	Smith, Larry	RB	6-3	220	27	7	Florida
	Speyrer, Cotton	WR	6-0	175	26	4	Texas
74	Starke, George	T	6-5	249	26	3	Columbia
20	Stone, Ken	S	6-1	179	24	3	Vanderbilt
63	Sturt, Fred	G	6-4	255	34	2	Bowl. Green
78	Sweeney, Walt	G	6-4	254	34	13	Syracuse
72	Talbert, Diron	DT	6-5	255	31	9	Texas
42	Taylor, Charley	WR	6-3	210	33	12	Arizona St.
7	Theismann, Joe	QB	6-0	184	25	2	Notre Dame
47	Thomas, Duane	RB	6-2	215	28	5	W. Tex. St.
67	Tillman, Rusty	LB	6-2	230	29	6	No. Arizona
29	Vactor, Ted	CB	6-0	185	31	6	Nebraska
58	Varty, Mike	LB	6-1	220	23	1	No'western
	Wlatt, Alvin	DB	5-10	185	27	5	B-Cookman

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Aleksiewicz, Don	RB	5-10	200	23	Hobart
Benson, Dave	LB	6-2	222	23	Weber St.
Brown, Kerry	WR	6-3	188	23	Princeton
Brown, Russ	P-K	6-2	208	23	Wm. & Mary
Chadwick, Alan	QB	6-2	187	21	E. Tenn. St.
Craft, Bruce	DT	6-3	246	24	Geneva
Chavis, Albert	WR	5-10	180	23	Howard
Doak, Mark	OT	6-4	265	24	Nebraska
Geiger, Roy	LB	6-1	234	25	Tampa
Hackenbruck, J.	DT	6-5	245	22	Oregon St.
Hammon, Ira	RB	6-2	195	24	P. Lutheran
Hickman, Dallas	DE	6-6	235	23	California
Hodges, Jerone	OG	6-1	248	22	Kansas
Hutcherson, L.	RB	6-1	230	28	None
Hyde, Glenn	OT	6-3	251	24	Pittsburgh
Johnson, Aly K.	LB	6-0	242	25	Eliz. City
Johnson, Ardell	CB	5-11	190	22	Nebraska
Kuehn, Art	OC	6-3	255	22	UCLA
Lobdell, Felix	RB	5-10	195	24	W. Illinois
McCoy, Vince	TE	6-3	222	23	Tenn. St.
McKie, Morris	S	6-2	205	26	N. C. A&T
Montgomery, J.	DT	6-2	261	29	Albany St.
Moore, John	CB	5-11	181	22	Fisk
Moss, John	LB	6-4	239	25	Pittsburgh
Neison, Ralph	RB	6-1	195	21	None
Paulis, Tim	WR	6-3	190	22	Kansas St.
Pavelka, Dennis	G	6-4	265	23	Nebraska
Pennington, D.	DE	6-7	251	23	None
Pugh, Robert	DE	6-4	240	24	None
Searer, Dan	CB	5-8	177	24	Shippensburg
Shaffner, Tom	RB	5-9	185	23	Defiance
Shannon, Don	LB	6-0	215	23	Duke
Shaw, Byron	CB	5-9	170	23	Texas A&I
Smith, Ron	WR	6-0	167	22	None
Stevens, Jeff	RB	6-2	233	25	Hillsdale
Thomas, Mike	RB	5-11	190	22	Las Vegas
Van Diest, Mike	LB	6-1	218	22	Wyoming
Watson, Brad	DE	6-3	245	24	W. Kentucky
Watson, John	TE	6-1	224	24	Salisbury
Williamson, J.	CB	6-0	177	24	E. Michigan
Wyman, Bill	C	6-1	245	23	Texas

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

DON CORYELL, Coach.

Assistants: Joe Gibbs, Sid Hall, Jim Hanifan, Ray Willsey, Jim Champion, Harry Gilmer, Wayne Sevier.

PREDICTION 3rd

The old image in St. Louis was slapstick. The Cardinals were Soupy Sales, pie squashed in the face. They were Laurel and Hardy incarnate. Want a good bellylaugh? Go watch the Cardinals try to play football any Sunday.

Ooops. The Cardinals have chucked the funny image. Yep, the Cards. They traded their jokebook for a playbook. Pie in the face? Careful or the Cardinals will ram the football in your face, trod over you with their cleats and hang your tail from the scoreboard.

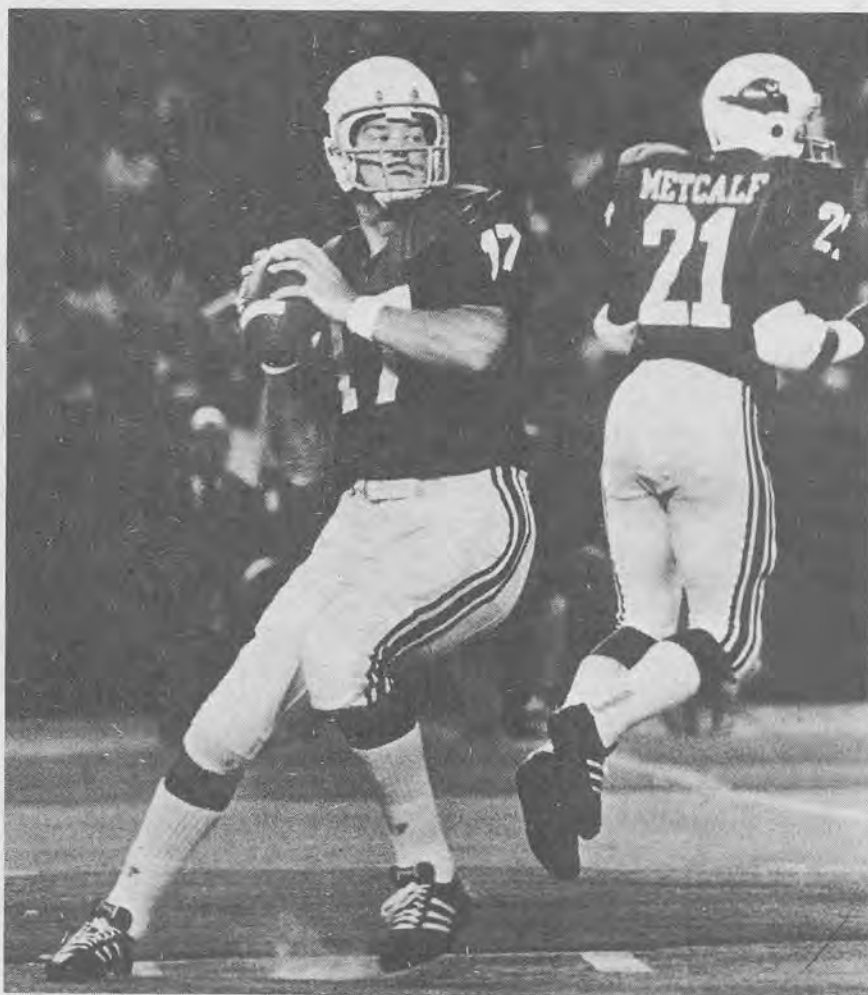
It took 26 years of sorrow and laughter, but these punsters gone to straight drama won a division last year. Laurel and Hardy? Substitute Jim Hart and Terry Metcalf—and there they have the football in the other team's end zone.

Not since 1948, when they were known as the Chicago Cardinals and Paul Christman was their thrust, had they been title winners. Now in 1975 they are the Eastern Division's defenders, destiny's darlings. They didn't crush the opposition last year, but they beat it.

Surely, they were a team blessed with good fortune. After traveling the first half 7-0, they grappled the remainder and won. Now their grip on the division is precarious. Their talent doesn't match Dallas' and Washington's. The type of fortuitous luck they thrived on last year is seldom repeated a second year.

But there is well-placed optimism in St. Louis. It is understandable. The Cardinals went 10-4 last year after annual stagnation at 4-9-1.

The men responsible for creating this turnabout were Don Coryell, the coach, and Joe Sullivan, the director of operations. Sullivan served many years as George Allen's shadow with the Rams and Redskins. Thus he was



JIM HART (17), St. Louis quarterback, was the NFC's Player of the Year for 1974 after connecting on 200 passes, including 20 for touchdowns.

experienced in the mission of reviving sick, laughable teams. He and Coryell accomplished the mission in their second year.

The Cardinals' trick last year was winning close games—six of nine decided by a touchdown or less, two others by two touchdowns.

Part of the Cardinals' comical image was based on their farcical syndrome of juggling coaches and quarterbacks. They played coaching roulette. Three years ago Coryell emerged from the college ranks at San Diego State to become head coach. Last year he settled upon Jim Hart, who had been in and out and up and down, as his steady quarterback.

Hart became the NFC's player of the year. Coryell, because of the wisdom of his selection, was the unanimous selection as coach of the year.

But this is 1975—and an encore will be difficult. Coryell speaks of it in this manner:

"The 1975 season is a very important one for us—to see if we can improve on what we did last year. Last year we played up to our potential, won the close games—seven of eight against the NFC East—and created a winning attitude which we think will carry over.

"Going into last year's training camp, if someone had told me we would have finished at .500,



DAN DIERDORF (72), Cardinals offensive tackle, is a hard-nosed blocker.

I would have been very happy. (Coryell is a coach of unequal candor.)

"We know that to repeat as division winners we must improve at almost every position on our team. From a pure talent standpoint we cannot stand up to most of the good teams in the NFL. That is where the effort helped us so much last year.

"The margin between winning and losing is so small. Last year three of our four losses were games that could have gone either way. Yet there were 11 of those games for us, and we won eight. It was that close.

"We felt we progressed very well both offensively and defensively. Hart was the conference's player of the year and Terry Metcalf was runnerup. Our offensive line led the NFL in fewest quarterback sacks.

"I feel we will be better this year, barring the unforeseen, but I don't think you can base improvement on records—to shoot, say, for 11-3. I would hope we can reach the playoffs again and go a little farther. One thing is for sure. We're not going to be able to surprise our opponents as we did last year."

The Cardinals, really, strug-

gled the second half of the season. Then they were blown out of the playoffs by the Vikings. They got that far with 15 players signed as free agents, proving the diligent contribution of Sullivan and head scout Larry Wilson, the old safetyblitz man.

Much depends on a repeat of excellence by the 10-year vet-

JACKIE SMITH has been at tight end for dozen years with Cards.



eran Hart. He was a long time coming. His basic improvement consisted of chucking his old interception bugaboo. For so long the Cardinals' quarterback situation resembled the Three Stooges. Last year Hart looked like Robert Redford. He put the ball in his receivers' hands, not the enemy's. He put it in the end zone. He completed 200 passes, 20 for TDs.

Even so the Cardinals were shy of reliable receivers. So they made a major trade. Acquired was Marlin Briscoe from Miami. He has had some attitude problems with other clubs. But he is a sweetheart of a pass catcher. He should blend magnificently with Mel Gray, always a bomb threat, and the still brilliant tight end Jackie Smith.

The Cardinals do it with brisk running, too. Metcalf was superb in the backfield and as a kick return specialist last year. He is tiny, but explosive and was sufficiently durable to run for 718 yards and catch 50 passes. Metcalf put old reliable Donny Anderson on the bench. Thus, the Cardinals could afford to trade Anderson to the Dolphins in the deal for Briscoe.

Jim Otis, a slewfooted power back, runs with Metcalf. But the Cardinals also have old ground-gainer Ken Willard, the former

ROGER WEHRLI, Cards cornerback, is a frequent All-Pro selection.





JIM BAKKEN (25), with ROGER WEHRLI holding, boots one of his many field goals during his long career with Cards.

49er, who was hurt last year. They drafted Jim Germany high and he should help.

The line is a mixture of age and youth and is quite good. Ernie McMillan is in his 15th season. Young Dan Dierdorf made the Pro Bowl. They are the tackles. The rest of the line consists of Bob Young, Tom Brahaney and Conrad Dobler. Ken Iman, obtained from the Rams, could beat out Brahaney at center.

The Cardinals play with one of those No-Name defenses. The pass rush is adequate with such as Ron Yankowski and Council Rudolph at the ends, Bob Rowe and Leo Brooks at the tackles. Dave Butz could be a starter as could Bob Bell.

BOB ROWE, nine-year vet, is among St. Louis' strongest pass rushers.



Larry Stallings, a 13-year vet, leads the linebacking from the left side. Mark Arneson plays the middle and Pete Barnes the right side.

Roger Wehrli, a frequent All-Pro, plays excellent cornerback. Norm Thompson is an interception threat at the other corner spot. Ken Reaves and Clarence Duren are the returning safeties. And the Cardinals used their first draft choice to pick a corner back who could be a starter, Tim Gray.

Jim Bakken, back for his 14th season, is a sometimes accurate, sometimes errant place kicker.

1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Bakken, 69 points on 30 XP, 13 field goals	6th
RUSHING —Metcalf, 152 carries for 718 yds., 4.7 Avg., 6 TDs	6th
PASSING —Hart, 200 of 388 attempts for 2411 yds., 20 TDs	5th
RECEIVING —Metcalf, 50 receptions for 377 yds., 1 TD	7th
INTERCEPTIONS —Thompson, 6 for 190 yds., 31.7 Avg., 1 TD	4th
PUNTING —Roberts, 81 punts, 38.7 Avg., longest 57 yds.	6th
PUNT RETURNS —Metcalf, 26 for 340 yds., 13.1 Avg.	4th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Metcalf, 20 for 623 yds., 31.2 Avg., 1 TD	1st

Pre-Season Games

Aug. 9 AT Kansas City (N)
16 N.Y. JETS (N)
23 AT Chicago (N)
30 SAN DIEGO (N)
Sept. 6 AT Minnesota (N)
14 AT Denver

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 ATLANTA	—
28 AT Dallas	14-17
Oct. 5 N.Y. GIANTS	26-14
13 AT Washington (N)	17-10
19 PHILADELPHIA	7-3
25 AT N.Y. Giants	23-21
Nov. 2 NEW ENGLAND	—
9 AT Philadelphia	13-3
16 WASHINGTON	23-20
23 AT N.Y. Jets	—
27 BUFFALO	—
Dec. 7 DALLAS	14-17
14 AT Chicago	—
21 AT Detroit	—

Nobody laughs at the Cardinals any more, but the optimism is based on last year's astonishing cliffhanger success. Pie in the face has been replaced by pie in the sky.

CARDINALS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
18	Albert, Sergio	K	6-3	195	23	2	U.S. Int'l.
61	Allison, Henry	G	6-3	255	28	3	S. Diego St.
37	Arneson, Mark	LB	6-2	220	25	4	Arizona
25	Bakken, Jim	K	6-0	200	34	14	Wisconsin
54	Banks, Tom	C	6-1	240	27	4	Auburn
59	Barnes, Pete	LB	6-1	235	30	9	Southern
79	Bell, Bob	DT	6-4	250	27	5	Cincinnati
51	Brahaney, Tom	C	6-2	250	23	3	Oklahoma
86	Briscoe, Marlin	WR	5-11	180	30	8	Omaha
70	Brooks, Leo	DE	6-6	240	27	6	Texas
62	Butz, Dave	DT	6-7	290	25	2	Purdue
88	Cain, J. V.	WR	6-4	225	24	2	Colorado
65	Cantrell, Charles	G	6-4	240	24	1	Lamar
65	Crum, Bob	DE	6-5	240	24	2	Arizona
26	Crump, Dwayne	CB	5-11	180	25	3	Fresno St.
76	Davis, Ron	DE	6-2	250	24	1	Va. State
72	Dierdorf, Dan	T	6-3	280	26	5	Michigan
66	Dobler, Conrad	G	6-3	255	24	4	Wyoming
10	Donckers, Bill	QB	6-1	205	24	1	S. Diego St.
41	Duren, Clarence	S	6-1	190	24	3	California
60	Finnie, Roger	G-T	6-3	250	29	7	Fia. A&M
63	George, Steve	DT	6-5	265	24	2	Houston
48	Ginn, Hubert	RB	5-11	195	28	6	Florida A&M
85	Gray, Mel	WR	5-9	170	26	5	Missouri
30	Hammond, Gary	WR	5-11	185	26	4	SMU
17	Hart, Jim	QB	6-1	210	31	10	So. Illinois
50	Hartle, Greg	LB	6-2	225	24	2	Newberry
34	Jones, Steve	RB	6-0	200	24	3	Duke
12	Kelthley, Gary	QB	6-3	215	24	2	El Paso
69	Kindle, Greg	T	6-4	265	24	2	Tenn. St.
52	LeVeck, Jack	LB	6-0	220	25	3	Ohio
73	McMillan, Ernie	T	6-5	265	37	15	Illinois
21	Metcalf, Terry	RB	5-10	185	23	3	Long Beach
58	Miller, Terry	LB	6-2	220	29	6	Illinois
27	Moss, Eddie	RB	6-0	215	27	3	SE. Mo. St.
53	Nellis, Steve	LB	6-2	215	24	2	Minnesota
35	Otis, Jim	RB	6-0	225	27	6	Ohio State
36	Reaves, Ken	S	6-3	210	30	10	Norfolk St.
14	Roberts, Hal	P	6-1	180	23	2	Houston
75	Rowe, Bob	DT	6-4	245	30	9	West. Mich.
74	Rudolph, C.	DE	6-4	245	25	4	Ky. State
38	Scales, Hurlis	CB	6-1	200	24	2	No. Tex. St.
11	Shaw, Dennis	QB	6-2	210	28	5	S. Diego St.
81	Smith, Jackie	TE	6-4	230	35	13	NW. La.
67	Stallings, Larry	LB	6-1	230	33	13	Ga. Tech.
28	Stringer, Scott	CB	5-11	180	24	2	California
82	Tomas, Earl	WR	6-2	215	26	5	Houston
43	Thompson, Norm	CB	6-1	180	30	5	Utah
45	Tolbert, Jim	S	6-4	210	31	9	Lincoln
22	Wehrli, Roger	CB	6-0	190	27	7	Missouri
20	Willard, Ken	RB	6-2	215	32	11	No. Carolina
56	Withrow, Cal	C	6-0	240	30	6	Kentucky
78	Yankowski, Ron	DE	6-5	235	28	5	Kansas St.
64	Young, Bob	G	6-1	270	32	10	How. Payne

ROOKIES

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
68	Adams, John	DT	6-5	265	22	West Va.
84	Bahe, Ritch	WR	5-11	190	22	Nebraska
71	Franklin, Ron	DT	6-8	240	22	Boise State
29	Germany, Jim	RB	5-11	200	22	New Mexico
71	Goodman, Harvey	T	6-4	260	22	Colorado
33	Gray, Tim	CB	6-1	200	22	Texas A&M
61	Jameson, Larry	DT	6-6	255	22	Indiana
86	Jones, Ben	WR	6-3	180	22	L.S.U.
32	Latin, Jerry	RB	5-10	190	22	No. Illinois
31	Lauriano, Louis	CB	5-11	190	23	Long Beach
76	Lindgren, Steve	DT	6-2	240	22	Hamline
55	McGraw, Mike	LB	6-2	215	21	Wyoming
87	Miller, Mark	WR	6-0	175	21	Missouri
37	Monroe, Ken	RB	6-2	230	24	Indiana St.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

MIKE McCORMACK, Coach.
Assistants: John Sandusky, John Idzik, Boyd Dowler, John Mazur, Walt Michaels, Jerry Wampfler, Dick LeBeau.

PREDICTION 4th

Once the denizens of Philadelphia—eulogized in American folklore as the City of Brotherly Love—were so smitten with a performance by the Eagles they booed Santa Claus at halftime.

But then again, poor old Santa hadn't displayed much offense, either.

There are high passions in this city. The Philly fans hate to love. Or is it love to hate? No matter what, the Eagles evoke the passions of the populace. And the emotions are continually subject to change . . . with each fluctuation of the scoreboard on Sunday.

So far Mike McCormack has attracted scant response from the Philadelphia passionate. That is because his performance quotient has been acceptable in grotesque circumstances. There has been condescending approval. He has managed to hold the job into his third season, which to be sure is durability for the Eagles. Len Tose, the owner who paid \$16 million plus for the franchise, is not a man of patience.

Affable Jerry Williams was fired at midseason a few years back. Eddie Khayat, a soft-spoken southern gentleman with a military background, ran the club with drill sergeant techniques. The haircut discipline caused some mutiny in the ranks.

McCormack managed to restore order (and hair styles) upon his arrival in 1973. This was an inert franchise and McCormack understandably pleaded first for improvement of the feeble offense. The Eagles McCormack was hired to coach had managed to score 12 touchdowns the year before. Such futility was unmatched in the pro football conglomerate.

The progress over the past two years has been steady, but short of spectacular. By last season, the Eagles had advanced far enough to score 31 touchdowns.

Tom Sullivan, the No. 1 back, scored 12 by himself.

Now the Eagles are talking lightly about reaching the playoffs. They'd have to get back on the good side of Santa Claus first.

They managed to hit .500 at 7-7 in 1974—their best record since long ago in 1966. It happened with a last three-game winning streak with rookie quarterback Mike Boryla playing and

complex-ridden Roman Gabriel on the bench.

"Last season was extremely frustrating for us," McCormack said. A six-game losing streak at midseason activated the vocal chords of the town's legions of booers.

Still, there was the promise of the revived offense and the newly refurbished defense. The Eagles pulled off an unimaginable heist

BILL BRADLEY (28), Eagles' outstanding safetyman, intercepts an aerial intended for San Diego's GARY GARRISON (27); in middle is RANDY LOGAN.



in prying middle linebacker Bill Bergey from the Bengals. Paul Brown dumped Bergey because of his flirtation with the WFL, considered an act of overt disloyalty. Bergey spent the year dumping running backs with footballs in their bosoms.

"We not only allowed 176 fewer points than the previous year, but we also gave up only nine touchdown passes, second lowest total in the league," McCormack said.

Here he brought up the name of one of the demigods from the Eagles' long-ago happy past.

"There's no question that the acquisition of Bergey gave us the leadership in the center of our defense that the Eagles had miss since the days of Chuck Bednarik," McCormack said.

Once Chuck Bednarik, a certified Hall of Fame member,

played two ways and was a dreaded athlete on both sides.

The Eagles, though, did little to bolster themselves and continue on the upgrade between seasons. There were some trades, most inconsequential.

McCormack is a disciple of George Allen. There was evident in Philly this year an intimation of Allen's disdain for the draft. The Eagles did not have a draft choice until the seventh round. The first six had been traded away. The first and third were gone to the Rams in the old deal for Gabriel.

Thus, the Eagles seemingly damaged themselves. There was no replenishment with young material. The Eagles must compete in the savage East with mainly their 1974 units. So there could be some regression.

On the other hand, there is

an explosive quality to the offense.

The quarterback competition should be intriguing. Playing quarterback is hell in Philly.

"The outlook is excellent," McCormack insisted.

It is if Gabriel, always an erratic performer, swings with one of his better years. He has been the best quarterback in the NFC. At times. Other times he has had to be benched.

With his experience, 14 seasons, Gabe must be considered the No. 1 quarterback. But then there is the memory of Boryla, as a rookie, winning the final three games of '74. He merits a chance. The Eagles acquired him in a trade for one of the lost draft choices, the sixth. Also available is John Reaves, once a No. 1 draftee who has a strong arm seldom exercised.

TOM SULLIVAN ran for 12 touchdowns for Eagles during 1974.

BILL BERGEY, big MLB, halts Chargers DON WOODS.



The Eagles do have outstanding receiving. McCormack calls it the best receiving set in pro football. Tight end Charles Young led the NFC with 63 pass catches last year. Wide receiver Harold Carmichael led the entire league in receiving the season before.

The Eagles, obviously, are de-

pendent upon the pass. Perhaps more than they should be for success.

Don Zimmerman is the third member of the receiving set. Depth is lacking.

The running game is built around Sullivan, who reaches the end zone. The Eagles also have Tom Bailey, Po James, Norm Bulach plus two trade acquisitions, Art Malone from Atlanta and John Tarver from New England.

The offensive line is a danger point. It inhibits the total offense and has McCormack concerned. Compounding the problem was trades of two of last year's starters, Steve Smith and Mark Nordquist. Returnees are Jerry Sismore, Wade Key and Guy Morriss. Dick Stevens likely will move in at one vacancy and Tom Luken at another.

Bergey's defense will keep the Eagles from being overwhelmed. It is good—and defense is the essential weaponry in the pros. Will Wynn and Joe Jones return to man the defensive ends. Mitch Sutton is an incumbent tackle. Bill Dunston or Jim Cagle will play the other tackle replacing

the traded Jerry Patton. Carter Campbell, ex-Giant, ex-WFL, could win an end spot.

The linebacking is superb with Bergey flanked by Jerry Zabel and John Bunting. Also excellent, as proven by the record against touchdown passes, is the secondary. McCormack calls Randy Logan the best strong safety in the NFL. He could be correct. Bill Bradley is a proven All-Pro at the free safety spot. Joe Lavender, who plays wearing eyeglasses, and John Outlaw remain the cornerbacks.

The Eagles strengthened their placekicking. Horst Muhlmann another steal from Cincinnati, replaces inconsistent Tom Dempsey. Muhlmann booted 32 of 35 PAT's and 11 of 18 field goal attempts last year.

This is a threadbare club which needs some immediate gifts. And Santa Claus is unwelcome in Philly.



HAROLD CARMICHAEL, 6-8, was top NFC TD receiver with eight in 1974.

ROMAN GABRIEL still is rated as Philadelphia's No. 1 quarterback.



1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS

SCORING —Sullivan, 72 points on 12 TDs, 11 runs, 1 pass	5th
RUSHING —Sullivan, 244 carries for 760 yds., 3.1 Avg., 11 TDs	5th
PASSING —Gabriel, 193 of 338 attempts for 1867 yds., 9 TDs	9th
RECEIVING —Young, 63 receptions for 696 yds., 3 TD	1st
INTERCEPTIONS —Bergey, 5 for 57 yds., 11.4 Avg.	10th
PUNTING —Kersey, 82 punts, 36.1 Avg., longest 59 yds.	13th
PUNT RETURNS —Bradley, 22 for 248 yds., 11.3 Avg.	7th
KICKOFF RETURNS —Jackson, 14 for 339 yds., 24.2 Avg.	9th

Pre-Season Games

Aug.	9 AT Pittsburgh (N)
	16 AT Cleveland (N)
	22 NEW ENGLAND (N)
	28 CINCINNATI (N)
Sept.	6 AT Los Angeles (N)
	13 AT Atlanta (N)

1975 SCHEDULE	1974 Scores
Sept. 21 N.Y. GIANTS	35-7
28 AT Chicago	—
Oct. 5 WASHINGTON	20-27
12 AT Miami	—
19 AT St. Louis	3-7
26 DALLAS	13-10
Nov. 3 LOS ANGELES (N)	—
9 ST. LOUIS	3-13
16 AT N.Y. Giants	20-7
23 AT Dallas	24-31
30 SAN FRANCISCO	—
Dec. 7 CINCINNATI	—
14 AT Denver	—
21 AT Washington	7-26

EAGLES' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro	College
31	Bailey, Tom	RB	6-2	211	26	5	Florida St.
66	Bergey, Bill	LB	6-3	250	30	7	Arkansas St.
10	Boryla, Mike	QB	6-3	200	24	2	Stanford
28	Bradley, Bill	S-P	5-11	190	28	7	Texas
36	Bulach, Norm	RB	6-1	218	28	6	TCU
95	Bunting, John	LB	6-1	200	25	4	No. Carolina
78	Cagle, Jim	DT	6-5	255	23	2	Georgia
17	Carmichael, H.	WR	6-8	225	25	5	Southern U.
21	Chesson, Wes	WR	6-2	189	26	5	Duke
8	Coleman, Al	S	6-0	183	30	7	Tenn. St.
75	Cullars, Willie	DE	6-5	250	24	2	Kansas St.
67	Dobbins, Herb	T	6-4	260	24	2	S. Diego St.
61	Dunstan, Bill	DT	6-4	250	26	3	Utah St.
32	Ford, Charley	CB	6-3	195	26	5	Houston
5	Gabriel, Roman	QB	6-4	220	35	14	N. C. State
56	Halverson, Dean	LB	6-2	230	29	7	Washington
33	Jackson, Randy	RB	6-0	220	26	4	Wichita St.
27	James, Ron	RB	6-1	202	26	4	N. Mex. St.
64	Jones, Joe	DE	6-6	250	27	5	Tenn. St.
37	Kersey, Merritt	P	6-1	205	25	2	W. Chester
72	Key, Wade	G	6-5	245	28	6	S.W. Texas
65	Kirksey, Roy	G	6-1	255	27	5	Md. E. Shore
87	Kramer, Kent	TE	6-4	235	30	9	Minnesota
30	Lavender, Joe	CB	6-4	190	26	3	S. Diego St.
55	LeMaster, Frank	LB	6-2	224	23	2	Kentucky
41	Logan, Randy	S	6-1	195	24	3	Michigan
63	Luken, Tom	G	6-3	253	25	4	Purdue
26	Malone, Art	RB	6-0	216	27	6	Arizona St.
22	Marshall, Larry	S	5-10	195	25	4	Maryland
50	Morriss, Guy	C	6-4	245	24	3	TCU
16	Muhlmann, Horst	K	6-2	219	35	7	None
48	Oliver, Greg	RB	6-0	192	26	3	Trinity (Tex.)
20	Outlaw, John	CB	5-10	180	29	7	Jackson St.
24	Parker, Artimus	S	6-3	215	25	2	USC
77	Patton, Jerry	DT	6-3	265	29	4	Nebraska
82	Picard, Bob	WR	6-1	195	25	3	E. Wash.
7	Reaves, John	QB	6-3	210	25	4	Florida
45	Reeves, Marlon	CB	6-1	195	23	2	Clemson
52	Reilly, Kevin	LB	6-2	220	23	3	Villanova
76	Sismore, Jerry	T	6-4	250	24	3	Texas
85	Smith, Charles	WR	6-1	185	25	2	Grambling
73	Stevens, Richard	T	6-4	245	27	6	Baylor
25	Sullivan, Tom	RB	6-0	195	25	4	Miami
79	Sutton, Mitch	DT	6-4	265	24	2	Kansas
49	Tarver, John	RB	6-3	220	26	4	Colorado
71	Wynn, Will	DE	6-4	245	26	3	Tenn. St.
86	Young, Charles	TE	6-4	238	24	3	USC
89	Zabel, Steve	LB	6-4	234	27	6	Oklahoma
80	Zimmerman, D.	WR	6-3	195	25	3	N. E. La.

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Capraun, Bill	T	6-5	253	22	Miami (Fla.)
Bleamer, Jeff	T	6-4	250	21	Penn St.
Schroy, Ken	DB	6-2	190	22	Maryland
Rowen, Keith	T-G	6-3	240	22	Stanford
Pawlewicz, Dick	RB	6-2	220	21	Wm & Mary
Ehlers, Tom	LB	6-2	220	22	Kentucky
O'Rourke, Larry	DT	6-3	253	22	Ohio St.
Korvar, Clayton	DE	6-8	242	24	N. W. Iowa
Jones, Calvin	WR	6-4	210	23	Tex. Tech
Webb, Gary	LB	6-3	230	21	Temple

NEW YORK GIANTS

BILL ARNSPARGER, Coach.

Assistants: Ray Wietecha, John Symank, Floyd Peters, Ed Rutledge, Ted Plumb, Allen Webb, Marty Schottenheimer.

PREDICTION 5th

In the dramatic theatre—and there are theatrics in football—the show should be perfected before it leaves New Haven. The Giants spent two years of enforced exile in New Haven's hallowed Yale Bowl. They were poorly cast, improperly rehearsed. Imperfect.

Even so they now return to New York, Off Broadway, this year as the fourth tenant of overpopulated Shea Stadium.

They return tragi-comical to the Big Apple to await their ultimate transfer across the Hudson River to the New Jersey meadowlands.

At least now the Giants return with a proper protagonist, though he, too, has been proven imper-

fect. He is Craig Morton and he has leading-man good looks. He plays quarterback. Once he played it in the Super Bowl, when he performed for the Cowboys. But certainly his performance received unfavorable reviews.

New York has this habit of canonizing its quarterbacks. It did with Charley Conerly and Y.A. Tittle and Francis Tarkenton. They served before Morton as quarterback of the Giants. It does with Joe Namath of the Jets, the older sharecroppers at Shea.

Morton arrived with the Giants at midseason last year. Randy Johnson had defected with much acrimony. Itinerant Norm Snead had performed with such lack of flair he never received the canonization treatment. He was dumped off to San Francisco.

Itinerant Jim Del Gaizo was too youthful and too rambunctious. Carl Summerell was plainly too immature at the position.

The situation was ideal for a union of Morton and the Giants. He had begged the Cowboys to trade him. He suffered much as Roger Staubach's understudy.

The Giants had made some danged silly trades which left them bereft of talent in the past. The 1967 acquisition of Tarkenton had been so costly in terms of draft choices it wrecked the club for years. But the acquisition of Morton after seven games last year seemed wise. He cost them the first choice of the 1975 draft.

Morton can be capable—but like all quarterbacks he must have a cast with him to make the show go. He does have the at-

BRAD VAN PELT (10), Giants linebacker, is set to pounce on Washington ballcarrier LARRY BROWN (43) from behind.



tributes to win the normal New York treatment for quarterbacks. He should be perfectly happy to share the town with Namath.

Most of all Morton can get the football into the end zone.

The committee the Giants had playing quarterback through the first seven games last season at New Haven never threw a touchdown pass to a wide receiver. The offense sputtered and sometimes gagged. Arriving on his charger at midseason, quickly assimilating a new system, Morton managed seven such touchdown passes over the final seven games.

His deeds, sadly, did not alter the Giants' fortunes. They were 1-6 before he arrived. They were 1-6 after, with Morton playing the quarterback role. The Giants, frankly, earned their 2-12 season.

These are times of total change for the Giants.

"Improvement is needed," says Bill Arnsparger, the coach, in the obvious statement. "In all phases of our team—offense, defense and special teams.

"I don't like to look back that much and while it would have been nice to win some of those close ones, the fact still remains that each phase of our team was not capable last year of overcoming specific problems in order for the club to be a winner.

"If one phase of your team is going bad, the other two should be able to take over and compensate and still win the game. When the Giants reach that plateau where units can overcome shortcomings by other units, then we'll be a winning team."

Coaches talk in such clichés as phases and plateaus and sound very educated and knowledgeable. Arnsparger is.

He was hailed upon assuming the Giants' coaching job last year as a miracle man . . . or at least a genius. Arnsparger served many years of apprenticeship under Don Shula. Shula had won with miraculous immediacy in Miami.

Arnsparger had been his chief assistant—the assistant head coach with the Dolphins. Moreover, Arnsparger had devised and perfected the famed 53 defense. It was a romantic style and with

it the Dolphins had won their second Super Bowl in two years.

A genius, like Shula, Arnsparger might be. But there was a stronger, more ready nucleus when Shula arrived at Miami—though the club had not yet begun to win. In New York, or New Haven, Arnsparger had to do too much shuffling of the cast, too much changing of the script, to duplicate Shula's act in winning at Miami.

Last year the Giants played games with 16 rookies on their 47-man roster. They played with 10 veterans added from other clubs. The turnover was neces-

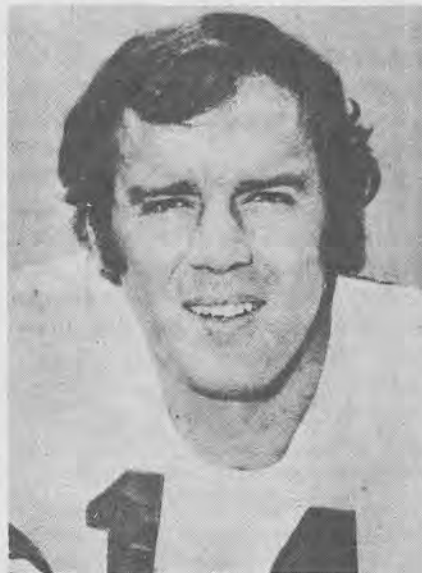
sary. But teams don't win with 26 newcomers.

They start this year with the the quarterback—and with some fairly decent performers in skill positions. Their outside receivers are not burners, but they have catching talent. Among them are Walker Gillette, Bob Grim, Don Herrmann, Chip Glass and rookie Danny Buggs, who could start.

The perennial favorite and onetime All-Pro Bob Tucker returns at tight end.

The committee style also was used in the running backfield last year. There the Giants need a

CRAIG MORTON, after many years of waiting is a starting quarterback.



PAT HUGHES has been switched to strongside linebacker by Giants.



CHUCK CRIST, young safetyman, led Giants in interceptions last season.



renaissance by Ron Johnson, twice a Thousand-Yard runner. Johnson is a brilliantly versatile athlete, fast, shifty and an excellent receiver coming out of the backfield. But he must be cured of his injury problems.

With Johnson a casualty last year, Joe Dawkins and Doug Kotar became the main runners. They return. The Giants' strongest backfield would be Johnson and Leon McQuay, repatriated from the Canadian League.

There is some promise along the offensive line. Second-year guards John Hicks and Tom Mullen are fine blockers. Doug Van Horn, a veteran ex-guard, now plays tackle. Bob Hyland, a veteran ex-guard, now plays center. Standby Willie Young is an incumbent tackle. There will be a

challenge from Al Simpson, the second-round tackle draftee.

Arnsbarger is aware defense is the most valuable commodity in pro football. The winners have it. Last year the Giants were woefully weak in pass defense, run defense, pass rush, interceptions.

The rush line has some qualified performers. John Mendenhall is regarded as All-Pro timber at tackle. Jack Gregory, in the past, was an excellent pass rusher. There is competition elsewhere among veterans Gary Pettigrew and Roy Hilton and youngster Jim Pietrzak. Henry Reed and Larry Jacobson provide some depth.

Arnsbarger changed over the linebacking unit last year. Now Pat Hughes plays strongside, Brad Van Pelt weakside and Brian Kelley the middle. Ron Hornsby is given a chance to recapture the middle position. The Giants have potentially superb rookie in Terry McClowry, who for some silly reason was not drafted until the 10th round.

The secondary has many supplicants—and the best four will win the jobs. The returning start-

ers are Pete Athas and Jim Stienke at the corners, Spider Lockhart and Clyde Powers at the safeties. Lockhart has excelled for years. Such athletes as Eldridge Small, ex-Dolphin Henry Stuckey, Honor Jackson, Chuck Crist and Bobby Brooks are in the competition.

Pete Gogolak, who was so involved a decade ago in the NFL's merger with the AFL, has regained much of his old-fashioned kicking touch.

The imperfect Giants bring their show back to New York and they'll be panned. It takes time to overcome years of reactionary front office thinking, absurd trades and inferior drafting.

PETE GOGOLAK, sidwinding kicker, seems to have regained old form.



1974 LEADERS AND NFC RATINGS	
SCORING —Gogolak, 51 points on 21 XP, 10 field goals 12th	
RUSHING —Dawkins, 156 carries for 561 yds., 3.6 Avg., 2 TDs 11th	
PASSING —Morton, 122 of 237 attempts for 1510 yds., 9 TDs 10th	
RECEIVING —Dawkins, 46 receptions for 332 yds., 3 TDs 8th	
INTERCEPTIONS —Crist, 3 for 20 yds., 6.7 Avg. 31st	
PUNTING —Jennings, 68 punts, 39.8 Avg., longest 64 yds. 4th	
PUNT RETURNS —Athas, 20 for 180 yds., 9.0 Avg. 12th	
KICKOFF RETURNS —McQuay, 25 for 689 yds., 27.6 Avg. 3rd	

Pre-Season Games	
Aug. 10 AT New England (N)	
16 AT San Diego (N)	
24 N.Y. Jets at New Haven, Conn.	
30 Pittsburgh at Princeton, N.J.	
Sept. 7 Cleveland at Seattle, Wash.	
13 AT Miami (N)	
1975 SCHEDULE	
Sept. 21 AT Philadelphia	7-35
28 AT Washington	3-24
Oct. 5 AT St. Louis	14-26
12 DALLAS	7-21
20 AT Buffalo (N)	—
25 ST. LOUIS	21-23
Nov. 1 SAN DIEGO	—
9 WASHINGTON	10-13
16 PHILADELPHIA	7-20
23 AT Green Bay	—
30 AT Dallas	14-6
Dec. 7 BALTIMORE	—
14 NEW ORLEANS	—
21 AT San Francisco	—

GIANTS' VETERAN ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yrs. Pro.	College
45	Athas, Pete	CB	5-11	185	27	5	Tennessee
37	Brooks, Bobby	CB	6-1	195	24	2	Bishop
61	Chandler, Karl	C	6-5	250	23	2	Princeton
	Christoff, Larry	TE	6-4	227	24	2	Rutgers
88	Clune, Don	WR	6-3	195	23	2	Penn
24	Crist, Chuck	S	6-2	205	24	4	Penn St.
33	Crosby, Steve	RB	5-11	205	25	2	Fort Hays
26	Dawkins, Joe	RB	6-2	220	27	6	Wisconsin
12	DeGalzo, Jim	QB	6-1	190	28	4	Tampa
66	Dvorak, Rick	DE	6-4	235	23	2	Wichita St.
62	Enderle, Dick	G	6-2	250	28	7	Minnesota
	Fersen, Paul	T	6-5	260	25	2	Georgia
84	Gillette, Walker	WR	6-5	200	28	6	Richmond
83	Glass, Chip	TE	6-4	235	28	7	Fla. State
3	Gogolak, Pete	K	6-1	150	33	12	Cornell
81	Gregory, Jack	DE	6-5	255	30	9	Delta St.
27	Grim, Bob	WR	6-0	200	30	9	Oregon St.
72	Hasenohrl, G.	DT	6-1	260	24	2	Ohio St.
85	Herrman, Don	WR	6-2	205	28	7	Waynesburg
74	Hicks, John	G	6-2	258	24	2	Ohio St.
52	Hill, John	T	6-2	245	25	4	Lehigh
78	Hilton, Roy	DE	6-6	240	32	11	Jackson St.
67	Hornsby, Ron	LB	6-3	228	26	5	S.E. La.
56	Hughes, Pat	LB	6-2	225	28	6	Boston U.
70	Hyland, Bob	C	6-5	255	30	9	Boston Col.
75	Jacobson, Larry	DT	6-6	260	25	4	Nebraska
22	Jackson, Honor	CB	6-2	195	26	4	Pacific
13	Jennings, Dave	P	6-4	205	24	2	St. Lawrence
30	Johnson, Ron	RB	6-1	205	27	7	Michigan
55	Kelley, Brian	LB	6-3	222	24	3	Cal Luth.
44	Kotar, Doug	RB	5-11	205	24	2	Kentucky
43	Lockhart, Carl	S	6-2	175	32	11	No. Tex. St.
25	McQuay, Leon	RB	5-9	195	25	2	Tampa
64	Mendenhall, J.	DT	6-1	255	26	4	Grambling
15	Morton, Craig	QB	6-4	210	32	11	California
73	Mullen, Tom	G	6-3	245	23	2	S.W. Mo. St.
71	Pettigrew, Gary	DT	6-5	255	30	10	Stanford
76	Pietrzak, Jim	DT	6-5	260	22	2	East Mich.
39	Powers, Clyde	S	6-1	195	24	2	Oklahoma
80	Reed, Henry	LB	6-3	230	27	5	Weber St.
82	Rhodes, Ray	WR	5-11	185	24	2	Tulsa
57	Selfridge, Andy	LB	6-3	220	26	4	Virginia
54	Singletary, Bill	LB	6-2	230	24	2	Temple
18	Small, Eldridge	CB	6-1	190	26	4	Texas A&I
20	Stienke, Jim	CB	5-11	182	25	3	SW Tex. St.
48	Stuckey, Henry	CB	6-1	180	25	3	Missouri
19	Summerell, Carl	QB	6-4	208	23	2	E. Carolina
38	Tucker, Bob	TE	6-3	230	30	6	Bloombsburg
63	Van Horn, Doug	T	6-3	245	31	9	Ohio St.
10	Van Pelt, Brad	LB	6-5	235	24	3	Mich. St.
72	Wafer, Carl	DT	6-3	250	24	2	Tenn. St.
	White, Jeff	K	5-10	175	26	2	El Paso
69	Young, Willie	T	6-0	255	32	10	Grambling
34	Zofko, Mickey	RB	6-1	195	26	5	Auburn

ROOKIES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	College
Bugs, Danny	WR	6-3	188	22	
Colbert, Randy	DB	5-9	165	21	Lamar
Giblin, Robert	DB	6-2	205	22	Houston
Mahoney, Mike	WR	6-4	205	22	Richmond
Martin, George	DE	6-4	245	22	Oregon
McClowry, Terry	LB	6-3	225	22	Mich. St.
Micklos, Jim	TE	6-6	235	22	Bail St.
Obradovich, Jim	TE	6-2	225	22	So. Calif.
O'Connor, Jim	RB	6-0	202	22	Drake
Simpson, Allen	OT	6-5	285	24	Colo. St.
Tate, John	LB	6-2	228	22	Jackson St.
Townsend, Ricky	K	6-2	205	23	Tennessee
White, Marsh	RB	6-2	215	22	Arkansas

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Mich. Except for one home game which was peddled for survival cash of \$30,000 to London, Ontario, where American football was not the opiate of the Canadian masses.

There were the theatrics of the night of August 14, 1974 in the stadium at Ypsilanti. A guy in blue made a one-hand stab. His graceful bit on acrobatics prompted the assemblage of 14,424—officially announced—to emit a throaty roar.

"Hey, what was all that cheering up there?" said Dan Boisture in the locker room postmortem pro football coaches always conduct. This game had been a 37-7 loss to the Memphis Southmen.

He was not quite accustomed to cheers from the grandstands.

But then there had been the leaping one-hand stab by the guy in blue.

"Frisbee. The fans were sailing a Frisbee back and forth throughout the third quarter," a sympathetic individual told Boisture.

"That breaks our heart a little," said Boisture, whose duties had prevented him from watching the more eventful happening.

The Wheels were jointly owned by 33 people with the common dream—proprietorship of a pro football franchise. They were biracial, men and women... doctors, lawyers, politicians, financiers, auto dealers. Beyond the common dream of ownership they shared, one common characteristic. None of them knew a damn thing about operating a professional football franchise.

They invested their thousands made in automobiles and music and were, presto, transformed into owners. Each of the 33 angels received a tailored yellow jacket with a Wheels' insignia sewn onto the pocket. These were quite fashionable status symbols for wear to football games and Frisbee flings. Not one of them cared to spend much, once they had achieved their convulsive dream of proprietorship.

The Wheels were by no means singular in their comical ineptitude among the first-year franchises of the original WFL. It is just that they seemed to symbolize the total operation of this scalawag league—its futility, its bungling, its pathos, its contribution to society of farcical slapstick.

On March 9, 1974, the newly minted Detroit Wheels, enfranchised by parchment certificate in the WFL, issued a call for mobilization. It was four months before the first scheduled game. The call to arms was answered by 665 men of assorted sizes, shapes, hues and dispositions. One was accompanied by his wife, in a fur coat. Another supplicant in the clogged offices rented by the Wheels handed Boisture a note.

"I'd really like to be a football player," said the young man. "But if I can't make it, I'll settle for water boy."

Not one of the volunteers made the

eventual club during the two weekend tryout camps on Belle Isle, a public outing area in the Detroit River.

On March 21, 1974, Dan Boisture had completed enlisting his six-man coaching staff. He had completed assembling his playbook.

"In some ways, we may be further ahead than any other club in the league," said Boisture, just starting up in the reality of his dream.

The Wheels thereupon failed to sign 33 of their 36 draft choices. Alone in the ambitious, encouraged WFL they did not lure a single NFL veteran of stature away for future delivery.

The 33 angels had made their down payments. They had their jackets. They were certified proprietors of a professional football franchise. They weren't about to ante up any more dough so the franchise could have football players, too.

The well-accounted proprietors of the Wheels presented Boisture with a football team which cost less than \$400,000, total. That paltry sum included money paid for the rabble of players, footballs, helmets, jockstraps—the entire shebang. It divided to less than \$10,000 per performer.

Before the season was six weeks gone, the Wheels were unable to pay the phone company for the office telephones. They were unable to register into a motel—unless the bill was paid in advance. Prior motel owners had

learned of the Wheels' deadbeat tendency. They could not fly to away games on an airplane—unless the airline had been paid before departure. The Wheels' credit rating was zilch.

For one home game, the official programs with lineups and numbers of the nonentities were not delivered. It seemed printer had not been paid for programs to the earlier games. Those prior game programs have become valued collectors' items.

The laundry man who cleaned the game uniforms was unpaid.

One day in the very first month of the season Boisture was a no-show at practice. He felt compelled to play Brinks messenger. He went down to the club offices to fetch the paychecks for the hirelings. This was merely the first time the players' paychecks were tardy.

"There's nothing that can hurt a team more than missing paychecks," said Boisture, who was becoming a philosopher as coach of a team that remained winless.

The events of a prior payday proved considerably more satisfactory. On this day an office functionary appeared at the practice field and started handing the checks to the Wheels' players. It was unimportant that they happened to be in uniform on the field, engrossed in practice. The checks wound up stashed in helmets, shoulder pads, socks.

"I don't think there were many guys complaining about that," said one grateful pass receiver. "I don't care where they pay me."

But Boisture, trying to retain some professionalism, finally shooed the paymaster to the sidelines. It seems a receiver had been special delivered his paycheck at an inopportune moment. The recipient was making his cut on a pass pattern when the office functionary passed him the check. The football landed incomplete.

Such episodes romanticized the lore of the WFL.

So the Wheels plummeted quickly toward bankruptcy and extinction.

But in pro football owners are habitually attending meetings, as though such gabfests were their divine right. The Wheels' 33 angels in yellow conducted such meetings each week. One of these naive, unprofessional souls had suggested the Wheels cut the cost of training camp with his ingenious plan. What the club should do, he suggested, was pitch tents for the players on Belle Isle, the city-owned recreational property in the river. That would save the expenses. The idea was outvoted, simply because it was early and the other owners had their dream. So instead of a Boy Scout jamboree, the Wheels actually did have a training camp to prepare for their 1-13 part-season.

As the team lost and the paychecks



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were delayed and the dream became a
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to meet. One night, after a loss with
rumors about a sale, about a possible
move to Charlotte, about collapse of
the franchise, Boisture uttered his re-
mark about subterfuge and chicanery.
Before one solemn owners' session, one
concerned angel in yellow went around
the room removing light bulbs. No, he
did not plan to take them home. There
had been too many leaks to the press.
The guy was merely being cautious.
He wanted to ensure there were no
electronic bugs secreted in the light
sockets.

There were 66 ears and 33 mouths
at these proprietors' meetings and
some guy thought leaks occurred be-
cause the place had been bugged.

Soon the league had taken over pay-
ment to the players. Then the league
started paying the coaches. The pay-
master who had delivered checks to the
players on the practice field was let go.
The Wheels were whittling back.

Negotiations with Charlotte con-
tinued. One day a curious caller
phoned a Charlotte newspaper to ask
if the club had been moved there. The
caller identified himself as Dan Bois-
ture.

But one night in last September in
dim Randall's Island Stadium, the New
York Stars beat the Detroit Wheels.
The Stars immediately moved to Char-
lotte. The Wheels were unwanted.

The proprietorship of the Wheels at
last admitted their organization was
broke. They owed the league money.
They owed the banks money. They
owed the bus company from their very
first road trip money. And the motel.
There were more than 100 debts owed
to begging creditors. The Wheels de-
clared bankruptcy.

Several days later, after playing 14
games and losing 13 of them, the De-
troit Wheels were disbanded.

This was, perhaps, the saddest of all
the sorrowful tales about the WFL.
But they were the only team at whose
games the fan-participation Frisbee
flings were more entertaining than the
football.

The Philadelphia Bell proclaimed
whopping successes in their inaugural
games. One balmy night the Bell an-
nounced the paid attendance of 55,534.
Next time there was so many people
enthralled by WFL-style play the at-
tendance was 64,719. You presumed the
nephew in the front office was working
overtime stacking greenbacks.

After all George Washington, slept
in Philly. It is the cradle of our nation.

Then the tax collector peeked in
brimming with curiosity. The Bell's
proprietors showed him how 55,534
came out 13,800, representing tickets
sold. The 64,719 evaporated to 6,200
paid. There were a few freebies.

"I admit we lied to everyone," ad-
mitted one of the Philly dreamers.

The Jacksonville Sharks—it was a
super name for the club. They fessed
up that 44,000 of their viewers were in
on freebies. The Sharks also folded
before playing out their schedule.

The Florida Blazers, somehow, survived to lose in World Bowl I. The players had gone weeks without pay. Jack Pardee, the coach, kept the team assembled. He also contributed toilet paper smuggled from home for use in the locker room.

Some owners were caught on fraud raps.

The Birmingham Americans reputedly were the soundest club in the WFL. The city is a football hotbed. The Americans won the championship, just beating the sheriff who wanted to confiscate the uniforms to pay for unpaid bills. The IRS put a lien on the franchise, planning to sell the players to meet the cost of unpaid taxes. But the IRS regrettable discovered that many contracts it had claimed were worthless.

The WFL was a game of geographical hopscotch.

The Florida Blazers? They were born in Baltimore and moved to Annapolis. The visit was brief and they moved to Washington. They became the Washington Capitals, then the Washington Ambassadors. Then the Norfolk Virginia Ambassadors. Then the Florida Sun. They opened the season as the Florida Blazers in Orlando. In midstream, they attempted to move to Atlanta. Atlanta turned them away.

Boston? That club became the New York Stars. The New York club thereupon moved to Boston. It was a

straight franchise exchange. Here it gets complicated. The New York Stars, nee Boston, became the Charlotte Hornets. The New York Originals became the Portland Storm. In Portland, at mid-schedule, a public appeal was made among the townsfolk for food to feed the players.

The Toronto Northmen, ousted by the Canadian Parliament, became the Memphis Southmen. The first Memphis franchise became the Houston Texans. The Texans at midseason became the Shreveport Steamer.

The Chicago Fire . . . well, that club's owner felt his team's record was so inferior he refused to allow it to play in the WFL free-for-all playoffs.

And now in 1975 there is a revised WFL with some new dreamers. The extinguished Chicago Fire are now the Chicago Winds, the team which failed to get Joe Namath to accept \$4 million.

The Portland Storm, who were somewhat less forceful than a maelstrom, resurfaced as the Portland Thunder. Birmingham is back with a new franchise no longer named the Americans, but the Vulcans.

There is a fresh plan and some new dreamers catering to the American craving for more pro football in 1975.

"You know," said Danny Boistre between calls on customers this summer, "I'm going down to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They want one of our uniforms."

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PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME RANKINGS

Lifetime passers and receivers

Otto Graham continued to rank as the No. 1 forward passer in pro football history during the 1974 season, but some big news was made when Sonny Jurgensen jumped ahead of Len Dawson into the No. 2 spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty passing display.

The Top Twenty display, one of the more popular exhibitions at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Canton, Ohio, is an attractive three-dimensional series of charts listing the lifetime statistical leaders in forward passing, receiving, rushing and scoring. The display is changed weekly throughout the season as new figures for players who are still active are added.

The Hall's listings differ from other similar rankings in that statistics from all major pro football leagues, including the All-America Football Conference, are included. Most rankings include only American Football League and National Football League statistics.

Graham, who would rank No. 6 were his AAFC statistics not included, shows 86.8 rating points for his 10-year career with the Cleveland Browns. Thus, he has a four-point margin over his nearest challenger.

That nearest challenger now turns out to be Jurgensen, former ace of the Washington Redskins, who upped his rating total to 82.8 points in 1974. Meanwhile, the previous leader in AFL-NFL play only, Dawson of the KC Chiefs, dropped from 83.4 to 82.1 rating points.

Rating points are the product of a new formula for statistically ranking forward passers which was adopted before the 1973 season. Passers are rated against a pre-fixed performance standard based on

statistical achievements of all qualified pro passers since 1960. Four categories are included. They are percentage of completions, percentage of touchdowns, percentage of interceptions and average yards per attempt.

Only those passers who have attempted at least 1500 forward passes are eligible for listing among the lifetime leaders and, on that basis, there were seven passers who were active in 1974 who also ranked among the Top Twenty all-time leaders.

Besides Jurgensen, only Bob Griese of the Miami Dolphins moved up in the rankings in 1974. Griese jumped one full point to 74.1 points and a 14th place rating. A year ago, the Miami star ranked No. 16.

Two other passers, Fran Tarkenton of the Minnesota Vikings and Earl Morrall of the Dolphins, increased their rating point totals in 1974, but did not upgrade their position in the lifetime standings. Tarkenton raised his rating from 80.5 to 80.6 but remained in the No. 4 spot. Morrall stayed at a No. 13 ranking even though, in a brief appearance or two, he upped his point ranking from 74.1 to 74.3.

Roman Gabriel of the Philadelphia Eagles dropped eight-tenths of a point to 74.9 and also fell from the No. 8 position to No. 10. Daryle Lamonica of the Oakland Raiders played only briefly but dropped six-tenths of a rating point and three places in the standings to a No. 17 spot.

Craig Morton, now with the New York Giants after playing almost 10 seasons with the Dallas Cowboys, reached the 1500-attempt plateau in 1974 and, in so

doing, earned himself a No. 16 rating in the Top Twenty. Morton's 73.4 rating pushed Milt Plum (71.9) off the Top Twenty list.

If AAFC figures were not counted, Frank Albert, who played seven years with the San Francisco 49ers in both the AAFC and NFL, would not have the required 1500 attempts for eligibility among career leaders and Plum would retain his No. 20 spot. Without his AAFC figures, Graham would have 78.1 points and would rank No. 6.

LIFETIME RECEIVERS

(At the start of the 1975 season)

Rank	Player	Yrs.	No.	Yds.	TD
1.	Don Maynard	15	633	11,834	88
2.	Raymond Berry	13	631	9,275	68
3.	Charley Taylor*	11	582	8,208	73
4.	Lionel Taylor	9	567	7,195	45
5.	Lance Alworth	11	542	10,266	85
6.	Bobby Mitchell	11	521	7,954	65
7.	Billy Howton	12	503	8,459	61
8.	Tommy McDonald	12	495	8,410	84
9.	Don Hutson	11	488	7,991	99
10.	Art Powell	10	479	8,046	81
11.	Boyd Dowler	12	474	7,270	40
12.	Jackie Smith*	12	459	7,601	37
13.	Pete Retzlaff	11	452	7,412	47
14.	Fred Biletnikoff*	10	450	7,105	60
15.	Carroll Dale	14	438	8,271	52
16.	Mike Ditka	12	427	5,812	43
17.	Bobby Joe Conrad	12	422	5,902	38
18.	Charley Hennigan(T)	7	410	6,823	51
18.	Otis Taylor* (T)	10	410	7,306	57
20.	Roy Jefferson*	10	409	6,920	48

*Active in 1974 season

Note: Billy Wilson (407 receptions) and Jim Phillips (401) were displaced from the Top Twenty during the 1974 season.

LEADING LIFETIME PASSERS

(At the start of the 1975 season)
Minimum 1500 Attempts

Rank	Player	Pre-1970 League	Yrs.	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	TD	Int.	Rating
									Points
1	Otto Graham	AAFC-NFL	10	2626	1464	23,584	174	135	86.8
2	Sonny Jurgensen*	NFL	18	4262	2433	32,224	255	189	82.8
3	Len Dawson*	NFL-AFL	18	3601	2043	27,616	234	179	82.1
4	Fran Tarkenton*	NFL	14	4800	2658	35,846	266	199	80.6
5	Bart Starr	NFL	16	3149	1808	24,718	152	138	80.3
6	Johnny Unitas	NFL	18	5186	2830	40,239	290	253	78.2
7	Frank Ryan	NFL	13	2133	1090	16,042	149	111	77.7
8T	Norm Van Brocklin	NFL	12	2895	1553	23,611	173	178	75.3
8T	Sid Luckman	NFL	12	1744	904	14,686	139	132	75.3
10	Roman Gabriel*	NFL	13	4111	2168	27,309	186	136	74.9
11	Don Meredith	NFL	9	2308	1170	17,199	135	111	74.7
12	Y. A. Tittle	AAFC-NFL	17	4395	2427	33,070	242	248	74.4
13	Earl Morrall*	NFL	19	2620	1343	20,388	157	145	74.3
14	Bob Griese*	AFL	8	2014	1081	14,309	114	103	74.1
15	Frank Albert	AAFC-NFL	7	1564	831	10,795	115	98	73.5
16	Craig Morton*	NFL	10	1545	807	11,789	89	86	73.4
17	Daryle Lamonica*	AFL	12	2601	1288	19,154	164	138	72.9
18	John Brodie	NFL	17	4491	2469	31,548	214	224	72.3
19	Billy Wade	NFL	13	2523	1370	18,530	124	134	72.2
20	Sammy Baugh	NFL	16	2995	1693	21,886	186	203	72.0

* Active in 1974 season.

Craig Morton was the only new player entering the Top Twenty in 1974. He displaced Milt Plum (71.9) on the Top Twenty list. Of those players still active, Bill Kilmer (71.25) has the highest point score and ranks No. 22.

When the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty display was created after the 1968 season, it appeared as though Raymond Berry, the fabled end who starred 13 seasons with the Baltimore Colts, would forever rank as the top lifetime pass receiver in pro football.

Then Don Maynard, long-time star of the New York Jets, came along to challenge Berry's 631-reception career total and, in the next-to-last game of the 1972 season, Don grabbed the lifetime leadership away from Berry. One more catch in the 1973 season, when he played briefly with the St. Louis Cardinals, put Maynard's imposing career mark at 633 catches.

Now it is highly possible that Maynard will soon lose his No. 1 spot because a glue-fingered ace who didn't even rank in the Top Twenty until late in the 1970 season is within such close range that he may grab the lead in the 1975 season. He is Charley Taylor of the Washington Redskins and he now has 582 catches in an 11-season span. All he needs in 1975 is a repeat of his 54-catch performance in 1974 to take over the all-time leadership.

Behind Charley Taylor, Jackie Smith of the Cardinals is the next in line among the active players. Smith, who ranks as the most prolific pass catcher ever among tight ends, has 459 receptions. He moved from the No. 14 spot to No. 12 in 1974.

The man in the No. 14 spot now, Fred Biletnikoff of the Oakland Raiders, is probably a greater threat than Smith to move far higher in the standings in the next few years. As a wide receiver who may have more passes thrown in his direction, Biletnikoff has 450 catches after 10 seasons. He moved from No. 18 to the 14th position in 1974.

Two 10-year veterans moved into the Top Twenty in 1974. They are Otis Taylor of the Kansas City Chiefs and Roy Jefferson of the Redskins. Taylor has 410 catches and ranks in an 18th place tie with Charley Hennigan, former Houston Oilers ace. Jefferson, with 409 catches, was a late-season addition at the No. 20 spot. Billy Wilson (407 catches) and Jim Phillips (401) were dropped from the elite list with the emergence of Otis Taylor and Jefferson.

In touchdown passes, Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Hutson is the leader with 99 TD catches, Maynard is second with 88 followed by Alworth (85), McDonald (84) and Art Powell (81). Besides Hutson, only Berry among the Top Twenty receivers is a member of the Pro Football of Fame.



CHARLEY TAYLOR, Washington's ace receiver, could hit top in 1975.



SONNY JURGENSON, ex Redskins ace, ranks second among the passers.



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By Bob Scott

Sports editor Bob Scott of Vancouver BC Province covered Canadian Football League action 14 years from East to West Coasts.

Eyebrows were raised last March when Montreal made a pitch to host the 1977 Super Bowl game in its still uncompleted Olympic Stadium. The immediate reaction was that Montreal was making a two-pronged pitch—an NFL franchise in addition to the Super Bowl in the domed stadium.

The man making the pitch, Gerry Snyder (the man instrumental in luring major league baseball to Montreal), pointed out there was no relationship between the two. "We simply want to use our new stadium as much as possible and we need major events to cover the cost of it," said Snyder, "We'll also establish ourselves for future bids."

Those bids undoubtedly include a franchise in the NFL. Says Snyder, "There is more than one group interested in getting an NFL team for Montreal. The new stadium will meet NFL specifications and weather won't be a factor. I'm sure Montreal fans would support the team . . . they're crazier about football up there than they are about baseball."

Canadian Football League officials can readily dispute that last statement. Montreal Alouettes were the best team in the league in 1974 but they only attracted an average of 17,000 fans.

CFL moguls can also point to figures released last winter from a survey conducted by the Bureau of Broadcast Measurement of head-to-head competition between the two leagues last Nov. 3 and Nov. 10.

The Alouettes were not involved in any of the CFL games

surveyed. The results shot down the lingering suspicions that the Quebec metropolis favored U.S. pro football. The figures for Montreal watchers were 32-50 per cent for the Canadian game and one to 24 per cent for the NFL. Similar results occurred across Canada with Halifax, not possessing a CFL franchise, showing a higher rate of NFL viewers than elsewhere but still considerably below the CFL figures.

As for NFL expansion there doesn't seem to be many possibilities open in the future. Seattle and Tampa join the NFL in 1976 and commissioner Pete Rozelle has said the league will add two more teams within two or three years later and then remain at 30.

In the past the NFL has indi-

cated it will not invade Canada but Rozelle says on future expansion, "We'll wait and see which cities appear to be best at that time (two or three years)."

One reason Canada has been off limits was the weather but a bigger reason undoubtedly was the U.S. anti-trust laws. Following the merger of the NFL and AFL in 1966 the NFL could be accused of being a monopoly. However, it could always point to the CFL as an alternative league. Then the World Football League started (and restarted), giving the NFL competition (?) in the U.S.

That same WFL may have spelled doom as far as the NFL is concerned in any potential expansion into Canada. One of its founding franchises was the To-

CALVIN HARRELL, Edmonton Eskimos fullback, avoids tackle by Montreal's Junior Ah You as Gene Gaines and Mike Weger close in during Grey Cup game.



ronto Northmen—the club that lured Jim Kiick, Larry Csonka and Paul Warfield away from Miami Dolphins.

However, the threat of restrictive legislation by Health Minister Marc Lalonde drove the the Northmen into the Southmen of Memphis. Although the government action was directed at the Northmen, it was implied the same treatment awaits any NFL move into Canada.

Meanwhile, in Montreal, Sam Berger, the owner of the Alouettes, put his franchise up for sale last winter but found no takers. Undoubtedly, he won't either, under the existing situation.

The Als were one of four CFL clubs to lose money in 1974

—the others being Saskatchewan (for the first time since 1960), Calgary and B.C. Lions, all of the western conference. Although it was probably a reflection of the economy, most teams are experiencing a little belt-tightening this year.

One thing management didn't have to face this off-season (or next) is the threat of a player strike such as that which held up training camps in 1974.

The owners and players settled on a three-year package in 1974 which included a minimum wage of \$10,000 for rookies and \$11,000 for veterans. Previously the Players' Association had negotiated two-year deals with the league.

STEVE FERRUGHELLI, Montreal, catches pass between Edmonton defenders John Farlinger and John Beaton (71) during 23-7 Grey Cup victory.



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There is also increased money for winning the Grey Cup for the championship of the CFL. Last year the Alouettes received \$4,500 each, up \$1,500. This season the winners receive \$5,000 each and the figure increases to \$6,000 each in 1976.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MONTREAL (9-5-2)—As the defending Grey Cup champions, the Alouettes are pretty well set with their biggest problems appearing to be how to keep out of red ink.

Owner Sam Berger has the best team in Canada but the Montreal audience is indifferent to the team. Last year the club averaged 17,000 fans which was far from enough to meet expenses. They'll need 25,000 this year to meet a payroll that has gone over \$1,000,000 with Johnny Rodgers the biggest benefactor.

The budget problem could result in the loss of three Montreal standouts next season. Defensive end Junior Ah You, offensive tackle Dan Yochum will likely play out their options and likely end up with the WFL Hawaiians and NFL Eagles and Jets, respectively, for 1976.

Already gone is offensive tackle Ed George, named the top offensive lineman in the league in 1974. George, sporting a \$40,000 salary on a seven-year pact, balked when the schedule was extended from 14 to 16 games. Subsequently, he talked to Pittsburgh Steelers but the Super Bowl champs traded his NFL rights to Baltimore. Als could get a replacement from the Colts although they have recruited a 6-6½, 280-pounder named Mark Ellis from Elon University.

Besides George, Als will have to find replacements for retiring defensive back Marv Luster (he means it this time) and probably for running back Larry Sherrer. The latter was seriously injured in a kite-flying accident in California in the winter.

Als have concentrated their recruiting on running backs with Joe Mitchell of Northeast Louisiana, Wayne Moseley of Alabama A & M and Carlester Crumpler of East Carolina lead-

ing the parade.

In addition, a former Alouette, Dave Lewis, is back and he could figure in plans at quarterback and running back. Lewis joined the Als from Stanford in 1965 before jumping to the NFL Cincinnati Bengals where he has been basically a punter, one of the best in the league.

His credentials seem to stack him up against Sonny Wade, the Grey Cup hero in the win over Edmonton. Wade, injured during much of the season, threw only 64 passes but came on in relief of starter Jimmy Jones to be named the top player in the Grey Cup game.

With Rodgers, fullback Steve Ferrughelli, the only eastern rusher to surpass 1000 yards in '74, the scrambling Jones who gained 577 yards last season, and Peter Dalla Riva at tight end, the Larks still have an awesome arsenal on offense.

However, it was the Montreal defense that won the Grey Cup in '74 in styming the Edmonton running attack. It is led by Ah You, Carl Crennel, Joe Critchlow and Glen Weir on the line, ably supported by linebackers Mike Widger and Chuck Zapiec.

TORONTO (6-9-1) The Argonauts are embarking on a novel switch this season—employing a Canadian head coach in Russ Jackson, the former Ottawa Rough Rider quarterback.

Jackson, the only Canadian to ever win the outstanding player award in the CFL (he won it three times), actually was named head coach of the Argos midway through the 1974 season.

Jackson replaced John Rauch who was bounced last August following some suspect strategy that backfired with embarrassing results. Joe (Interim) Moss finished the season at the helm and Jackson has retained him as his defensive coach.

In addition Jackson has lured Bob Ward, the one-time Maryland coach, out of retirement to handle his offensive line. Ward handled the offensive line when Jackson was QBing championship teams in Ottawa.

Jackson is the first native CFL coach since Annis Stukus coached

B.C. Lions in their inaugural seasons 20 years ago.

He takes over a team that almost made the playoffs in 1974—losing 26-24 to Hamilton in the final game to lose out by one point.

He has indicated he intends to bring a no-nonsense, disciplined approach to a club that has been characterized by leniency and negativism. Jackson is heavy on the basics, on execution and a simplified offense.

"The emphasis will be on doing a few things well rather than doing a lot of things half-well," he says. "You can't rely on razzle dazzle to win ball games."

Last year Argos were last in total offense in the CFL and Jackson has placed plenty of emphasis on acquiring a speedy back. He could find him in Randy Walker who will battle holdover backs Doyle Orange and Ed Shuttlesworth who both gained more than 850 yards but failed to break the big gainer. Cleo House is also back after a try at the World Football League in '74.

Jackson also intends to give wide receiver Eric Allen a shot at slotback. The speedy Allen was one of five Argos to face knee surgery last year. The new coach also hopes to find a fast Canadian flanker—possibly Neil Mairs who played at Otterbein—and wants improvement at guard.

Cornerback looms as a problem on defense with Tim Anderson jumping to San Francisco 49ers and Dave Raimey coming off a knee operation. Former Ticat John Williams could fill the bill along with Steve Dennis or Bill West, a late cut in '74.

Argos also acquired burly Garrett Hunsperger on waivers from B.C. and he could prompt a shift of Granny Liggins to offensive guard or Jim Stillwagon to end.

Mike Rae, who replaced the departed Joe Theismann last year, looms as Jackson's quarterback while Rick Worley of Howard Payne, 49ers' 12th draft choice, could emerge as the backup.

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of the eastern conference in 1974. At one point they won four games in succession and held a 20-point lead over Edmonton only to fritter it away in the final quarter.

The Tabbies won only one of their next seven games but rebounded to win their final league game and claim a playoff berth over Toronto.

Then two unfortunate deflections (one off a defender into the hands of an Ottawa player for a touchdown) ousted the Ticats in the semi-finals.

This year could be a different story. Tiger-Cats had a winter of discontent. Even 15-year veteran Garney Henley blasted Club management for its perennial austerity program regarding player salaries.

The squad figures to be weakened as Lewis Porter, a fine two-way back, and linebacker Larry Brame played out their options. Another defensive back Al Brenner, who holds the all-pro record of 15 interceptions in one sea-

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son, was traded to Winnipeg.

Both Brenner and tight end Tony Gabriel, the club's lone All-Canadian, took the team to court for an extra two games pay when the schedule was increased from 14 to 16 games in '74, claiming they signed their contracts based on a 14-game schedule. In both cases the judge ruled in favor of the Ticats.

Gabriel, who led the east with 61 receptions, will retire if it isn't worked out.

Quarterback Don Jonas retired, while guard Mike Oriard and veterans Henley and Bob Krouse may also hang up the cleats.

Jonas was acquired from Winnipeg in mid-season last year for Chuck Ealey, the Toledo terror, after Ealey had criticized management. Bill Etter, replacing Ealey, did an excellent job at QB when healthy but had a bad habit of being kayoed by stray elbows.

As backup Ticats have recruited Jim McMillan and Jim Stoeckel, the Harvard product back for a second chance. McMillan tossed 33 touchdown passes for Boise State last year, enough to get him drafted in the 14th round by Detroit Lions.

Ticats also acquired HB Jesse Mims from Calgary, sidelined in '74 with a knee injury, for Steve Conley in hopes of giving Andy Hopkins, possibly the best all-round back in the CFL, some help. They also have Jerry Williams, from Indiana State.

Guard Tony Williams, center Nick Nighswander, tackle Robert

Riley and halfback Jim Datrice are also rated highly. And Ken Clark, back from Portland of the WFL, could improve the kicking game.

OTTAWA (7-9)—Faced with the lowest scoring offense in 1974, the Riders have shopped extensively over the winter for quar-

terback help. Rick Cassata, who led the Riders to the Grey Cup championship over Edmonton in '73, fell into disfavor in Ottawa last year, possibly because he wouldn't sign a new contract.

Anyway, the Riders have wooed two top quarterbacks north of the border, Tennessee's Con-dredge Holloway and Notre

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Ottawa once again was led to second place in the east by its sound defense. Four members of the unit, end Wayne Smith, linebacker Jerry Campbell and backs Al Marcelin and Dick Adams, were named to the All-Canadian all-star team. In addition, Smith was named the top defensive lineman in the CFL.

Linemen also figured strongly in Riders' recruiting. The major signings include Oklahoma's All-America John Roush and Colorado's Jeff Turcotte. The latter is a real bonus at 6-4, 255 pounds as he's a native of Ottawa and therefore falls into the non-import category.

Fullback Jim Eyenson signed with Portland of the WFL. John Bledsoe from Winnipeg looms as the new fullback.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

EDMONTON (10-5-1)—After getting to the national championship for the past two years without winning, the Eskimos hope to improve at a few vital positions and bring the Grey Cup back to the west.

The Eskimos have shopped for quality rather than quantity and most of the new faces on the roster will be familiar to the league—or bring experience from other leagues.

Trades have brought mammoth defensive tackle Tom Laputka from Ottawa and defensive back Wayne Matherne from B.C. Lions. Laputka, who jumped to Philadelphia Bell of the WFL in 1974, was acquired for Bruce Smith, a Colorado product.

Coupled with the retirement of SMU product John LaGrone, 5-10, 235 pounds, one can look for a bulky defensive line in Edmonton this year. Small, but quick, tackles has been an Edmonton trademark for years.

Matherne was obtained in a trade for linebacker Dan McDonough and he should help out a secondary already strong with Dick Dupuis and Larry Highbaugh. McDonough became expendable when linebacker Sam Britts was lured back from the WFL's Detroit Wheels. Britts, from Missouri, made the west all-star team in 1973 as a rookie when Eskimos advanced to the Grey Cup game.

Britts could be even better working behind a bigger line where Laputka will join Ron Estay, Craig Koinzan and 6-8 Leroy Jones. Even in '74 the Eskimos gave up 24 points fewer than any other CFL team.

Y. A. Tittle's son, Michael, is also a linebacker candidate but Eskimos finished '74 with Canadians on the corners.

Offensively, the Eskimos are well stocked with running backs and receivers but hope to improve at quarterback and on the offensive line.

For quarterback they have signed Dennis Morrison, a 6-3, 210-pound lefthander who spent the past two seasons with San Francisco 49ers of the NFL.

At Kansas State Morrison passed for 3428 yards and 18 touchdowns in his senior year. He'll battle Bruce Lemmerman for the backup job to Tom Wilkinson who was injured in each of the last two Grey Cup games.

Bulwarked by 270-pound Larry Watkins and Charlie Turner at tackle, the Eskimos possess the largest offensive line in the CFL now. Dan Dixon, a one-time fullback who can run the 40 in 4.8 seconds, could move in at guard.

George McGowan, player-of-the-year in 1973 who missed most of '74 with a knee injury, will be back in top form to scare defensive halves this year while Roy Bell and Calvin Harrell give Eskimos a strong running game. Coupled with the unflappable Wilkinson at quarterback and deadly kicker Dave Cutler the Eskimos loom large in the west again this year.

SASKATCHEWAN (9-7)—The Roughriders finished the 1974 season strongly to grab second

place in the Western Conference and will carry few changes into the 1975 season.

The changes do not include perennial all-stars quarterback Ron Lancaster and fullback George Reed—the nucleus of the team since 1963.

Last year there were reports that the pair were over the hill and the Riders would be out of the playoffs for the first time since their arrival. Lancaster responded with 20 touchdown passes to lead the CFL and Reed gained 1447 yards, also a CFL high.

The pair were also key figures in the western final, probably the most exciting game in the league all season, which they subsequently lost to the rested Edmonton Eskimos.

Backup QB Randy Mattingly is back along with Lancaster, at 36 the oldest player in the league. Halfback Peter Watson is fit following a knee operation last year and should supply the speed to complement Reed's bull-like rushes.

The receiving corps could be the best in the country with veterans Bob Pearce and Tom Campana being joined by Rhett Dawson, a Florida State product who was instrumental in Riders' late march last season. Reed, Watson and Campana are all competent backfield receivers.

Up front the offensive line is expected to be bolstered by Ed Foster, an all-star tackle from Oklahoma, and Del Williams, a seven-year veteran guard from the NFL. Both can snap the ball for punts, a problem since Ted Urness' retirement.

The defense is loaded with proven veterans despite the loss of Wysocki and Dirks, who played out their options, and Bahnuik, who moved to Edmonton. Al Humphrey of Tulsa, Tony Keris of Wilkes and Steve Putnal of Georgia Tech are among the combatants for Wysocki's spot at middle linebacker.

The defensive line shapes up with one vacancy with Frank Landy, sidelined with a knee injury last year, replacing Dirks or Bahnuik. The other holdovers are All-Canadian end George Wells and tackle Tim Roth. Riders led

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the west in defense against the rush in '74.

Best prospect for the defensive tackle vacancy is Ken Thomas, the nose guard from Tulsa. At 240 pounds, he isn't as big as some tackles but compares to Granny Liggins, the Oklahoma All-America, in quickness. He was all-Missouri Valley Conference.

The secondary could be the best in Canada, Lorne Richardson, Ken McEachern and Ted Provost gaining another year's experience. Ted Dushinski and Jim Elder complete the secondary which led the west with 26 interceptions in 1974.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LIONS (8-8)

—The Lions lost their last four games of the '74 season against Edmonton (twice) and Saskatchewan (twice) which explains their third place finish after holding the lead in September.

They also may have lost some fans in the off-season as two of their players (since departed) received heavy fines from assault charges. Most of the off-season was spent in dealing with bids to sell the team to private enterprise, to no avail. (All five Western Canadian teams are publicly owned while the four Eastern teams are privately owned). Then, to top it off, they raised the ticket prices.

The Lions lost more than \$75,000 in 1974 and are into an austerity program this season. Two high-priced players are likely expendable, namely backup quarterback Peter Liske and possibly fullback Johnny Musso.

Musso missed most of the '74 season because of Lou Harris, who ranked third with 1239 yards rushing, and Monroe Eley, who was fourth with 1176 yards. The return of Musso, coupled with that tandem, raised the likelihood that somebody has to go.

Liske, obtained from Calgary in exchange for Karl Douglas and Henry Sovio last season, commands a large salary. He led the west in passing yardage overall last year but was hot and cold with the Lions. Don Moorhead, the starter, had his finest season with the Leos, tossing 17 touchdowns and only 13 interceptions,

and will be tough to dislodge.

Jim Young, who missed half of the '74 season with a shoulder injury, leads the receiving corps and is ably supported by '74 rookies Slade Willis and Brock Aynsley. Young may have to be moved to tight end, however.

In addition, Lions have signed Mark McDonald from U. of Washington, a Canadian product and wide receiver.

They also hope to bolster the offensive line, notably tackle, where they have recruited three prospects. They include two with U.S. pro experience, Art Brisacher at Kansas City and Jim Schneitz at San Francisco. The third candidate is Paul Poole of Weber State. The line is led by Curtis Wester, West Texas State, the runner-up as top offensive lineman in Canada last year.

The defensive line is where the biggest change will be though. End Bud Magrum and tackle Garrett Hunsperger are the players lost through the court charges. Last season acquisition Don Wunderly may continue to fill the spot at end with Bill Baker adequately holding down the other.

Elton Brown, who filled in admirably in several positions, last year, could be moved to offensive tackle. Robert Pulliam of Tennessee and Lorne Mulkins of Colorado State, are also in the running.

Ray Nettles, who played last season with a nagging knee injury, could get some help at linebacker with the acquisition of Dan McDonough of Missouri from Edmonton in a trade for cornerback Wayne Matherne.

WINNIPEG (8-8) The Blue Bombers finished the 1974 season tied with B.C. Lions but lost the season series and thereby missed the playoffs. Bombers were the lowest scoring offense in the League and had the most porous defense (350) points.

Quarterback Chuck Ealey who was acquired in a trade with Hamilton in mid-season, won five of his nine starts. The durable Ealey signed a long-term contract in the off-season, assuring Bombers of quarterback stability.

Bombers also have two newcomers to battle backup QB Ralph Brock in Kelly Cochrane and John C. Smith. Cochrane, who spent 1½ seasons on Houston Oilers taxi squad, was with the Bombers in 1974 but was traded to Montreal. He'll also be tested as a safety.

The scrambling Ealey supplies considerable ad lib running to the Bomber attack (he has gained 1740 yards in three CFL seasons) but Bombers hope to complement that with an improvement in running backs.

Clemson's Jim Washington gained 582 yards in the second half of the season but Dave Buchanan, a hotshot at Hamilton in 1972, failed to find his running legs with Winnipeg. Heading a long list of backfield hopefuls are Steve Beaird, George Palmer and Phil Polok.

Beaird is the seventh round draft choice of St. Louis Cards out of Baylor's Cotton Bowl team. He is the first Baylor back to gain more than 1000 yards, averaging 110 yards last season. Polok was drafted by Philadelphia Eagles out of Bowling Green last year and is being given a second chance to crack the Winnipeg lineup.

Palmer, 6-1 and 210 pounds, could have an 'in' for a job in the Bomber backfield. His three year career total at Oklahoma State University broke Bomber General Manager Earl Lunsford's record.

Defensively, Bombers have gone big for linebackers, hoping to cut down on that 5.8 yard rushing average by the opposition in '74. The newcomers include John Murphy of Boston College, Harry Walters of Maryland, Tom Waddell of UCLA and Bruce Scholtens from Central College of Iowa. The latter was the final linebacker cut by Detroit Lions last season.

Steve (Spike) Spiro, a late cut by Green Bay in '74, is expected to bolster the defensive line while two Alabama backs, Ray Odums and Steve Williams, battle for jobs in the secondary. Another Alabama player, Buddy Brown, could find a home at guard after playing for Birmingham in the WFL last year.

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Bombers also hope to take advantage of the new punt return rules with speedster Willie Jones from Iowa State, via Atlanta Falcons.

CALGARY (6-10)—Starting his second season as head coach of theStampeders, Oklahoma State product Jim Wood is looking to get Calgary back on the track and return to the form that saw them win the Grey Cup in 1971.

The Stamps may have finished in the cellar in 1974 but the club made several moves that may launch them back onto the play-off trail.

The moves included the mid-season acquisition of running back Willie Burden, from North Carolina State who gained 541 yards in half of the season, and the signing of Larry Cates, Bill Lide and Glenn Scolnick.

Cates, from Western Michigan, also joined the Stamps in mid-season after being one of the final cuts of Miami Dolphins. He played cornerback and running back and that versatility could well land him a permanent spot.

Lide replaced the injured Moody Jackson for the final three games in '74, catching nine passes for 114 yards. A pro track performer, he once ranked ninth in U.S. college ball with 56 receptions for 713 yards at Johnson C. Smith.

Jackson, from New Mexico State, caught 39 passes as a rookie, including the CFL's longest, 97 yards. Besides Lide, he'll also be challenged by Scholnik, an Indiana product who led rookie receivers in the NFL with Pittsburgh in 1973. He's 6-3, 205 pounds.

Following the trade of Peter Liske to B.C. Lions, Joe Pisarcik saw plenty of action at quarterback for the Stamps. He's a 6-4, 218-pound drop back passer from New Mexico State. Karl Douglas, acquired from B.C., is the backup.

Completing the backfield will be Rudy Linterman, the top receiver in Canada with 64 catches last year, and fullback Rich Galbos.

Defensively, the Stamps had two All-Canadians in tackle John Helton and linebacker Roger

Goree last year. Otherwise, the team is rookie-laden so the return of 6-5, 250-pound lineman Fred James from a '74 knee injury should provide some stability.

With the second most porous defence against the run last year Stamps are bringing in more linebackers to challenge and/or help Goree and Steve Brown.

Two top-rated candidates are Joe McNeely from Louisiana Tech via the WFL and Larry Carr of Brigham Young.

Only 5-11, McNeely has good speed and leadership qualities. Tech only lost one game in McNeely's final two seasons and he averaged 13 tackles per games.

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Marcol, G.B.	0	0	19	25	39	94
Mann, Det.	0	0	23	23	32	92
Foreman, Minn.	9	6	0	0	0	90
Moseley, Wash.	0	0	27	18	30	81
Sullivan, Phil.	11	1	0	0	0	72
Bakken, St.L.	0	0	30	13	22	69
Cox, Minn.	0	0	32	12	20	68
Gossett, S.F.	0	0	25	11	24	58
Herrera, Dall.	0	0	33	8	13	57
Dempsey, Phil.	0	0	26	10	16	56
Ray, L.A.	0	0	25	9	16	52
Gogolak, N.Y.G.	0	0	21	10	19	51
Carmichael, Phil.	0	8	0	0	0	48
Metcalfe, St.L.	7	1	0	0	0	48
McClard, N.O.	0	0	19	9	16	46
Roder, Chi.	0	0	17	9	13	44
Brown, Wash.	3	4	0	0	0	42
Hill, Dall.	7	0	0	0	0	42
Mike-Mayer, Atl.	0	0	12	9	16	39
Anderson, St. L.	3	3	0	0	0	36
Garrison, Dall.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Gray, St.L.	0	6	0	0	0	36
Johnson, N.Y.G.	4	2	0	0	0	36
Lane, G.B.	3	3	0	0	0	36
Taylor, Det.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Thomas, Wash.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Washington, S.F.	0	6	0	0	0	36
Baker, L.A.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Brockington, G.B.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Dawkins, N.Y.G.	2	3	0	0	0	30
Gilliam, Minn.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Harris, L.A.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Jackson, L.A.	0	5	0	0	0	30
McCutcheon, L.A.	3	2	0	0	0	30
Richards, Dall.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Taylor, Wash.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Thomas, St.L.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Voght, Minn.	0	5	0	0	0	30
Dennison, Dall.	4	0	0	0	0	24
DuPree, Dall.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Jefferson, Wash.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Jessie, Det.	1	3	0	0	0	24
Klein, L.A.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Kotar, N.Y.G.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Osborn, Minn.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Parker, N.O.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Schreiber, S.F.	3	1	0	0	0	24
Seal, N.O.	1	3	0	0	0	24
Beasley, S.F.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Gillette, N.Y.G.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Johnson, Det.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Maxson, N.O.	2	1	0	0	0	18
McCullum, Minn.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Newhouse, Dall.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Odom, G.B.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Owens, Det.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Pearson, Dall.	1	2	0	0	0	18
Rather, Chi.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Sanders, Det.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Smith, St.L.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Smith, Wash.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Snow, L.A.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Staubach, Dall.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Walton, Det.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Williams, S.F.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Young, Phil.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Bertelsen, L.A.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Denson, Wash.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Elmendorf, L.A.	0	0	0	0	0	12
Evans, Wash.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Garrett, Chi.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Grandberry, Chi.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Grim, N.Y.G.	0	2	0	0	0	12
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Zimmerman, Phil.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Bragg, Wash.	0	0	7	1	1	10
Percival, Dall.	0	0	4	1	2	8
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Bass, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6



LAWRENCE McCUTCHEON, Rams' running back led all NFC rushers.

	Td. R.	Td. P.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot. Pts.
Belk, S.F.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Brown, Atl.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bryant, L.A.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Burrow, Atl.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Cain, St.L.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Cipa, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Concannon, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Craig, Minn.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Crosswhite, Det.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Dodd, Atl.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Douglass, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Dunstan, Phil.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Ellis, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Fugett, Dall.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Grant, Wash.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hanburger, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Harrison, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hayes, Dall.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hill, Chi.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Hilton, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Houston, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Jaworski, L.A.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Jones, Det.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Jones, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Kendrick, Atl.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Kosins, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Landry, Det.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Lee, Atl.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Manning, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Martin, Minn.	1	0	0	0	0	6
McClanahan, Minn.	1	0	0	0	0	6
McClinton, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
McNeill, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
McQuay, N.Y.G.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Mitchell, Atl.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Morgan, Dall.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Munson, Det.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Otis, St.L.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Owen, S.F.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Parsons, Chi.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Pickard, Det.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Reed, Wash.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Reed, Minn.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Rentzel, L.A.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Schmidt, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Scribner, L.A.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Smith, G.B.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Smith, Wash.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Staggers, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Stanback, Atl.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Stevens, N.O.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Taylor, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Theismann, Wash.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Thompson, St.L.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Tinker, Atl.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Torkelson, G.B.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Wade, Chi.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Wehrli, St.L.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Wheeler, Chi.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Wilcox, S.F.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Willard, St.L.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Williams, Chi.	1	0	0	0	0	6

PASS RECEIVING

(4 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most caught—93, John Morris, Chicago (1964)
 Most Yds.—1495, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)
 Moss pass TD's—17, Don Hutson, G.B. (1942)
 17, Elroy Hirsch, L.A. (1951)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Young, Phil.	63	696	11.0	29	3
Pearson, Dall.	62	1087	17.5	50t	2
Carmichael, Phil.	56	649	11.6	39	8
Jessie, Det.	54	761	14.1	46	3
Taylor, Wash.	54	738	13.7	51	5
Foreman, Minn.	53	586	11.1	66t	6
Metcalf, St.L.	50	377	7.5	22t	1
Dawkins, N.Y.G.	46	332	7.2	51t	3
Smith, Wash.	44	554	12.6	30	3
Jefferson, Wash.	43	654	15.2	43	4
Brookington, G.B.	43	314	7.3	29	0
Sanders, Det.	42	532	12.7	47	3
Maxson, N.O.	42	294	7.0	22	1
Tucker, N.Y.G.	41	496	12.1	29t	2
Parker, N.O.	41	455	11.1	58	4
Gray, St.L.	39	770	19.7	80t	6
Wade, Chi.	39	683	17.5	73	1
McCutcheon, L.A.	39	408	10.5	50t	2
Sullivan, Phil.	39	312	8.0	23	1
Brown, Wash.	37	388	10.5	34	1
Burrow, Atl.	34	545	16.0	48	4
Thomas, St.L.	34	513	15.1	52t	5
Lane, G.B.	34	315	9.3	68t	3
Garrison, Dall.	34	253	7.4	30	1
James, Phil.	33	230	7.0	34	0
Lash, Minn.	32	631	19.7	57	0
Seal, N.O.	32	466	14.6	42	3
Staggers, G.B.	32	450	14.1	63	0
Voigt, Minn.	32	268	8.4	22	5
Walton, Det.	31	404	13.0	48	3
Jackson, L.A.	30	514	17.1	44t	5
Mitchell, Atl.	30	479	16.0	52	1
McGeorge, G.B.	30	440	14.7	51	0
Zimmerman, Phil.	30	368	12.3	64t	2
Taylor, Det.	30	293	9.8	34	1
Schreiber, S.F.	30	217	7.2	16	1
Grandberry, Chi.	30	212	7.1	40	0
Washington, S.F.	29	615	21.2	58t	6
DuPree, Dall.	29	466	16.1	42	4
Gillette, N.Y.G.	29	466	16.1	72	3
Rather, Chi.	29	400	13.8	59t	3
Osborn, Minn.	29	196	6.8	25	0
Grim, N.Y.G.	28	466	16.6	53	2
Bulaich, Phil.	28	204	7.3	26	0
Malone, Atl.	28	168	6.0	13	0
Newland, N.O.	27	490	18.1	79t	2

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Gilliam, Minn.	26	578	22.2	80t	5
Richards, Dall.	26	467	18.0	58t	5
Denson, Wash.	26	174	6.7	27	2
Smith, St.L.	25	413	16.5	81	3
Abramowicz, S.F.	25	369	14.8	30	1
Williams, Chi.	25	167	6.7	13	0
Snow, L.A.	24	397	16.5	44t	3
Klein, L.A.	24	336	14.0	32	4
Johnson, N.Y.G.	24	171	7.1	21t	2
Owens, Det.	24	158	6.6	13	0
Jackson, S.F.	23	190	8.3	31	2
Smith, Wash.	23	137	6.0	14	1
Smith, G.B.	20	294	14.7	27t	1
Bertelson, L.A.	20	175	8.8	19	0
Mitchell, S.F.	19	262	13.8	25	0
Otis, St.L.	19	109	5.7	13	0
Rentzel, S.F.	18	396	22.0	38	1
Beasley, L.A.	17	253	14.9	68t	3
Marinano, Minn.	17	132	7.8	20	1
Garrett, Chi.	16	132	8.3	20	1
Odom, G.B.	15	249	16.6	57	1
Anderson, St.L.	15	116	7.7	25	3
Reed, Minn.	15	99	6.6	12	1
Kwalick, S.F.	13	231	17.8	36	2
Cain, St.L.	13	152	11.7	40t	1
Hampton, Atl.	13	111	8.5	21	0
Stevens, N.O.	13	81	6.2	20	0
Hill, Dall.	12	134	11.2	39	0
Dodd, Atl.	12	130	10.8	17	1
Kendrick, Atl.	12	86	7.2	12	1
Johnson, S.F.	11	106	9.6	23	0
Young, Dall.	11	73	6.6	14	0
Phillips, N.O.	11	55	5.0	17	0
Herrmann, N.Y.G.	10	97	9.7	16	0
Kotar, N.Y.G.	10	57	5.7	18	0
Ray, Atl.	10	43	4.3	10	0
Thomas, Wash.	10	31	3.1	9t	1
Grant, Wash.	9	196	21.8	69	1
Rhodes, N.Y.G.	9	138	15.3	25	0
Newhouse, Dall.	9	67	7.4	21	0
Hooks, Det.	8	100	12.5	24	0
Kelly, Chi.	8	99	12.4	21	0
Neal, Atl.	8	88	11.0	18	0
Pickard, Det.	8	39	4.9	18	1
Stanback, Atl.	7	138	19.7	34t	3
McCullum, Minn.	7	118	16.9	35t	1
Hill, Chi.	7	109	15.6	28	1
Pagac, Chi.	6	79	13.2	24	0
Houston, Dall.	6	72	12.0	19	0
Cappell, L.A.	6	35	5.8	9	0
Bayley, Phil.	6	27	4.5	15	0
Kingsriter, Minn.	5	89	17.8	21	0
Beasley, N.O.	5	85	17.0	30	0
Holland, Minn.	5	84	16.8	20	0

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Payne, G.B.	5	63	12.6	18	0
McNeill, N.O.	5	64	12.8	30	0
McQuay, N.Y.G.	5	59	11.8	25	0
Wheeler, Chi.	5	59	11.8	19t	1
Farmer, Chi.	5	45	9.0	17	0
Brown, Minn.	5	41	8.2	21	0
Harrison, Chi.	5	38	7.6	14	0
Goodman, G.B.	5	19	3.8	12	0
Geredine, Atl.	4	69	17.3	24	0
Baker, L.A.	4	65	16.3	42	0
Fugett, Dall.	4	60	15.0	24t	1
Reed, Wash.	4	36	9.0	11t	1
Jones, Det.	4	35	8.8	15	0
Willard, St.L.	4	28	7.0	17	1
Craig, Minn.	4	26	6.5	10t	1
Bussey, Det.	4	24	6.0	8	0
Gagnon, Chi.	4	20	5.0	16	0
DeGrenier, N.O.	4	13	3.3	8	0
Scribner, L.A.	2	28	14.0	14t	1
Parsons, Chi.	2	9	4.5	5	1

INTERCEPTIONS

(2 or more—less, if 9 or more yards)

RECORDS

Most—14, Dick Lane, Los Angeles (1952)
 Most Yds.—301, Don Doll, Detroit (1949)
 Most TD's—3, Dick Lynch, Giants (1963)
 3, Herb Adderley, Green Bay (1965)
 3, Lem Barney, Detroit (1967)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Brown, Atl.	8	164	20.5	59t	2
Elmendorf, L.A.	7	186	26.6	57t	2
Stukes, L.A.	7	90	12.9	41	0
Thompson, St.L.	6	190	31.7	56t	1
Wright, Minn.	6	91	15.2	44	0
Johnson, Det.	5	139	27.8	55t	2
Stone, Wash.	5	95	19.0	31	0
Hendricks, G.B.	5	74	14.8	44	0
McGill, S.F.	5	71	14.2	45	0
Bergey, Phil.	5	57	11.4	27	0
Clemons, Chi.	4	84	21.0	37	0
Barney, Det.	4	61	15.3	39	0
Wright, Minn.	4	60	15.0	27	0
Owens, Wash.	4	59	14.8	24	0
Jackson, N.O.	4	53	13.3	28	0
Nunley, S.F.	4	30	7.5	20	0
Schmidt, N.O.	4	27	6.8	24t	1
Buchanan, G.B.	4	10	2.5	8	0
Hanburger, Wash.	4	6	1.5	5	0
Lyle, Chi.	3	57	19.0	36	0
Ellis, G.B.	3	56	18.7	38t	1
Fischer, Wash.	3	52	17.3	30	0
Johnson, S.F.	3	50	16.7	37	0
Myers, N.O.	3	43	14.3	21	0
Matthews, G.B.	3	41	13.7	32	0
Martin, Minn.	3	39	13.0	28	0
Preece, L.A.	3	38	12.7	17	0
Bass, Wash.	3	33	11.0	28t	1
Ellis, Chi.	3	32	10.7	19	0
Holmes, S.F.	3	26	8.7	14	0
Crist, N.Y.G.	3	20	6.7	20	0
Ellis, Atl.	3	11	3.7	6	0
Harris, Dall.	3	8	2.7	8	0
Weaver, Det.	3	4	1.3	3	0
Montgomery, Chi.	2	56	28.0	33	0
Wehrli, St.L.	2	54	27.0	53t	1
Krause, Minn.	2	53	26.5	45	0
Hill, G.B.	2	47	23.5	24	0
Lewis, Dall.	2	45	22.5	27	0
Houston, Wash.	2	40	20.0	37	0
Duren, St.L.	2	29	14.5	20	0
Robinson, Wash.	2	29	14.5	29	0
Knox, Chi.	2	26	13.0	21	0
Waters, Dall.	2	26	13.0	24	0
Siemon, Minn.	2	24	12.0	22	0
Bunting, Phil.	2	23	11.5	12	0
Jordan, Dall.	2	23	11.5	13	0
Hall, G.B.	2	22	11.0	19	0
Outlaw, Phil.	2	22	11.0	22	0
Tolbert, St.L.	2	22	11.0	22	0
Vanderbunt, S.F.	2	22	11.0	18	0
Van Pelt, N.Y.G.	2	22	11.0	13	0
Bradley, Phil.	2	19	9.5	10	0
Brown, Minn.	2	15	7.5	11	0
Geddes, L.A.	2	15	7.5	15	0
Stallings, St.L.	2	13	6.5	13	0
Zabel, Phil.	2	12	6.0	7	0
Bryant, Chi.	2	11	5.5	11	0
Robertson, L.A.	2	11	5.5	6	0
Hughes, N.Y.G.	2	4	2.0	4	0
Green, Dall.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Logan, Phil.	2	2	1.0	2	0
Athas, N.Y.G.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Lockhart, N.Y.G.	2	0	0.0	0	0
Reaves, St.L.	1	54	54.0	54	0
Lavender, Phil.	1	37	37.0	37t	1
Kelley, N.Y.G.	1	31	31.0	21	0
Phillips, S.F.	1	27	27.0	27	0
Taylor, Chi.	1	27	27.0	27	0
Jauron, Det.	1	26	26.0	26	0
Williams, G.B.	1	23	23.0	23	0
Wilcox, S.F.	1	21	21.0	21t	1
Colman, N.O.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Fuller, N.O.	1	16	16.0	16	0
Davis, Det.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Farahopoulos, N.O.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Laslavich, Det.	1	14	14.0	14	0
McClinton, Wash.	1	14	14.0	14t	1
Zook, Atl.	1	14	14.0	14	0
Selfridge, N.Y.G.	1	12	12.0	12	0
Crump, St.L.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Nobis, Atl.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Brezina, Atl.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Federspiel, N.O.	1	9	9.0	9	0

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PUNTING

RECORDS

Most—96, John James, Atlanta (1974)
Best Avg. 51.3, Sammy Baugh, Washington (1940)
Longest—94 yds., Wilbur Henry, Canton (1923)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Bk.
Blanchard, N.O.	88	3704	42.1	71	0
Wittum, S.F.	68	2800	41.2	67	1
James, Alt.	96	3891	40.5	61	1
Jennings, N.Y.G.	68	2709	39.8	64	2
Carrell, Dall.	40	1591	39.8	59	0
Roberts, St.L.	81	3131	38.7	57	0
Weaver, Det.	72	2772	38.5	61	2
Walker, G.B.	69	2648	38.4	58	0
Bragg, Wash.	74	2823	38.1	57	1
Parsons, Chi.	90	3408	37.9	59	1
Burke, L.A.	46	1701	37.0	51	0
Eischeid, Minn.	73	2636	36.1	50	1
Kersey, Phil.	82	2959	36.1	59	2

PUNT RETURNS

(5 or more)

RECORDS

Most—53, Alvin Haymond, Los Angeles (1970)
Most Yds.—555, Bill Grimes, G.B. (1950)
Longest—98 yards, Gil Le Febvre, Cinn. (1933)
Charley West, Minn. (1968)
Dennis Morgan, Dallas (1974)

	No.	F.C.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Jauron, Det.	17	7	286	16.8	58	0
Morgan, Dall.	19	0	287	15.1	98t	1
Tinker, Atl.	14	1	195	13.9	72t	1
Metcalfe, St.L.	26	3	340	13.1	43	0
Dodd, Atl.	27	0	344	12.7	57	0
Odom, G.B.	25	2	191	12.7	95t	1
Bradley, Phil.	22	5	248	11.3	22	0
Thelmsman, Wash.	15	3	157	10.5	44	0
Stevens, N.O.	37	7	376	10.2	40	0
Staggers, G.B.	22	6	222	10.1	68t	1
Bryant, L.A.	17	0	171	10.1	23	0
Athas, N.Y.G.	20	1	180	9.0	22	0
McGill, S.F.	20	3	166	8.3	47	0
Elmendorf, L.A.	17	0	134	7.9	18	0
Wallace, Minn.	25	4	191	7.6	20	0
Harris, Dall.	26	2	193	7.4	19	0
Hammond, St.L.	17	1	125	7.4	21	0
Hill, Chi.	33	2	183	5.5	15	0

(Non-Qualifiers)

Mul-Key, Wash.	13	0	140	10.8	17	0
Marshall, Mi-Phil.	13	2	118	9.1	21	0
Richards, Dall.	13	4	74	5.7	15	0
McCullum, Minn.	12	2	85	7.1	13	0
Bertelsen, L.A.	11	4	132	12.0	19	0
Rhodes, N.Y.G.	10	0	124	12.4	40	0
Taylor, S.F.	10	2	38	3.8	21	0
Brown, Atl.	9	2	96	10.7	23	0
Holmes, S.F.	9	0	45	5.0	22	0
Scribner, L.A.	8	1	70	8.8	23	0
Jones, Wash.	8	0	54	6.8	13	0
McQuay, N.Y.G.	7	1	81	11.6	28	0
Houston, Wash.	6	3	81	13.5	58t	1
West, Det.	6	0	32	5.3	9	0
Moore, S.F.	5	0	149	29.8	88t	1
Jarvis, Det.	5	0	62	12.4	34	0
Barney, Det.	5	1	37	7.4	11	0
Knox, Chi.	5	2	35	7.0	12	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

(5 or more)

RECORDS

Most—46—Dave Hampton, Green Bay (1971)
46—Chuck Latourette, St. Louis (1968)
Most Yds.—1314, Dave Hampton, Green Bay (1971)
Most TD's—4, Travis Williams, Green Bay (1967)
4, Cecil Turner, Chicago (1970)
Longest—106 yds., (TD), Al Carmichael, G.B. (1956)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Metcalfe, St.L.	20	623	31.2	94t	1
Jones, Wash.	23	672	29.2	102t	1
McQuay, N.Y.G.	25	689	27.6	72	0
Bryant, L.A.	23	617	26.8	84t	1
Grandberry, Chi.	22	568	25.8	69	0
Holmes, S.F.	25	612	24.5	59	0
Jones, Det.	38	927	24.3	59	0
Tinker, Atl.	14	339	24.2	52	0
Jackson, Phil.	23	549	23.9	52	0
McClanahan, Minn.	35	823	23.5	43	0
Morgan, Dall.	20	468	23.4	44	0
Marshall, Minn-Phil	15	350	23.3	52	0
Kotar, N.Y.G.	31	713	23.0	52	0
Odom, G.B.	33	749	22.7	41	0
Stevens, N.O.	18	398	22.1	51	0
Moore, S.F.	18	567	21.0	38	0
Taylor, Chi.	27				

(Non-Qualifiers)

McCullum, Minn.	12	300	25.0	36	0
McGee, L.A.	12	288	24.0	35	0
James, Phil.	12	238	19.8	29	0
Hammond, St.L.	11	268	24.4	34	0
Leigh, Mia-G.B.	11	251	22.8	30	0
Mul-Key, Wash.	10	285	28.5	59	0
Geredine, Atl.	9	219	24.3	28	0
McGee, Atl.	8	167	20.9	26	0
Young, Dall.	8	161	20.1	35	0
Moss, St.L.	8	133	16.6	21	0
Phillips, N.O.	7	124	17.7	27	0
Byas, Atl.	5	136	27.2	35	0
Belton, St.L.	5	111	22.2	30	0
Brooks, N.Y.G.	5	106	21.2	33	0
Jackson, S.F.	5	103	20.6	30	0
Jarvis, Det.	5	90	18.0	23	0
Bussey, Det.	5	59	11.8	21	0

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Points—155, Gino Cappelletti, Boston (1964)
TD's—19, Abner Haynes, Dallas (1962)
FG's—34, Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets (1968)
XP—64, George Banda, Houston (1961)

	Td. R.	Td. P.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot. Pts.
Gerela, Pitt.	0	0	33	20	29	93
Smith, N.E.	0	0	42	16	22	90
Leyboldt, Buff	0	0	25	19	33	82
Branch, Oak.	0	13	0	0	0	78
Blanda, Oak.	0	0	44	11	17	77
Stenerud, K.C.	0	0	24	17	24	75
Armstrong, Den.	9	3	0	0	0	72
Herron, N.E.	7	5	0	0	0	72
Cockroft, Clev.	0	0	29	14	16	71
Turner, Den.	0	0	35	11	21	68
Yepremian, Mia.	9	0	43	8	15	67
Cunningham, N.E.	9	2	0	0	0	66
Muhlmann, Cin.	0	0	32	11	18	65
Curtis, Cin.	0	10	0	0	0	60
Keyworth, Den.	10	0	0	0	0	60
Woods, S.D.	7	3	0	0	0	60
Linhart, Balt.	0	0	0	22	12	58
Butler, Hou.	0	0	29	9	19	56
Csonka, Mia.	9	0	0	0	0	54
Nottingham, Mia.	8	0	0	0	0	48
Bilentnikoff, Oak.	0	0	7	0	0	42
Caster, N.Y.J.	0	0	7	0	0	42
Mitchell, Balt.	5	2	0	0	0	42
Riggins, N.Y.J.	5	2	0	0	0	42
Brown, Clev.	4	2	0	0	0	36
Clark, Cin.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Harris, Pitt.	5	1	0	0	0	36
Hill, Buff.	0	0	6	0	0	36
Leahy, N.Y.J.	0	0	0	18	6	11
Mandich, Mia.	0	0	6	0	0	36
Odoms, Den.	0	0	6	0	0	36
Rashad, Buff.	2	4	0	0	0	36
Amundson, Hou.	4	1	0	0	0	30
Banaszak, Oak.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Boozar, N.Y.J.	4	1	0	0	0	30
Garrison, S.D.	0	0	5	0	0	30
Pruitt, Clev.	4	1	0	0	0	30
Rodgers, Hou.	5	0	0	0	0	30
Partee, S.D.	0	0	0	26	1	5
Howfield, N.Y.J.	0	0	0	8	6	7
Bonner, S.D.	3	1	0	0	0	24
Braxton, Buff	4	0	0	0	0	24
Green, K.C.	3	1	0	0	0	24
Hubbard, Oak.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Jones, Balt.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Knight, N.Y.J.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Lewis, Pitt.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Matthews, S.D.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Pearson, Pitt.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Rucker, N.E.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Simpson, Buff.	3	1	0	0	0	24
Sipe, Clev.	4	0	0	0	0	24
Van Heusen, Den.	0	4	0	0	0	24
Williams, Cin.	3	1	0	0	0	24
Willis, Hou.	3	1	0	0	0	24
Alston, Hou.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Barkum, N.Y.J.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Casper, Oak.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Davis, Oak.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Davis, Pitt.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Hart, Oak.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Holden, Clev.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Johnson, Hou.	1	2	0	0	0	18

	Td. R.	Td. P.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot. Pts.
Malone, Mia.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Morin, Clev.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Olds, Balt.	1	2	0	0	0	18
Parrish, Cin.	3	0	0	0	0	18
Podolak, K.C.	2	1	0	0	0	18
Swann, Pitt.	1	2	0	0	0	18
Vataha, N.E.	0	3	0	0	0	18
Wersching, S.D.	0	0	0	5	11	15
Adams, N.Y.J.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Anderson, Cin.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Baker, Pitt.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Bleier, Mia.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Bradshaw, Pitt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Brunson, K.C.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Burrough, Hou.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Davis, S.D.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Domres, Balt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Doughty, Balt.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Dressler, Cin.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Elliott, Cin.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Ellison, K.C.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Ferguson, Buff.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Fuqua, Pitt.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Ginn, Mia.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Hayes, K.C.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Jackson, N.Y.J.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Klick, Mia.	1	1	0	0	0	12
McKinnis, Clev.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Moore, Oak.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Moore, Mia.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Morris, Mia.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Moses, Den.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Owens, N.Y.J.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Plunkett, N.E.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Richardson, Clev.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Seymour, Buff.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Simmons, Den.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Smith, Oak.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Stingley, N.E.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Stroud, K.C.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Tarver, N.E.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Taylor, K.C.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Thomas, K.C.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Trumpy, Cin.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Twilley, Mia.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Warfield, Mia.	0	2	0	0	0	12
Washington, Buff.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Washington, Hou.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Watkins, Buff.	2	0	0	0	0	12
Wright, K.C.	1	1	0	0	0	12
Baker, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bell, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Bell, N.Y.J.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Bethea, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Blount, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Briscoe, Mia.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Brown, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Burns, N.Y.J.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Chandler, Buff.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Chester, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Clark, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Coleman, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Craig, Buff.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Darden, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Edwards, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Fleming, Mia.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Fouts, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Gay, S.D.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Geddes, N.E.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Gilliam, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Green, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Griese, Mia.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hall, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hannah, N.E.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Harrison, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	6
Hooker, Clev.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Johnson, Cin.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Joiner, Cin.	0	1	0	0	0	6
Kinney, K.C.	0	1	0	0	0	6

PASSING

RECORDS

Most completions—262, George Blanda, Houston (1964)
Most TD's—36, George Blanda, Houston (1961)
Most Yds.—4077, Joe Namath, N.Y. Jets (1967)
Longest—98 yds. (TD), Jack Lee, Houston, to Dewveall (1962)

AFC INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

	Atts.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds. Gain	Tds.	Long	Had Int.	Pct. Int.	Avg. Gain
Anderson, Cin.	328	213	64.9	2667	18	77t	10	3.0	8.13
Stabler, Oak.	310	178	57.4	2459	26	67t	12	3.9	7.96
Johnson, Den.	244	136	55.7	1969	13	73t	9	3.7	8.07
Griese, Mia.	253	152	60.1	1968	16	54	15	5.9	7.78
Pastorini, Hou.	247	140	56.7	1571	10	65	10	6.4	6.36
Namath, N.Y.J.	361	191	52.9	2616	20	89t	22	6.1	7.25
Ferguson, Buff.	232	119	51.3	1588	12	55t	12	5.2	6.84
Dawson, K.C.	235	138	58.7	1573	7	84t	13	5.5	6.69
Plunkett, N.E.	352	173	49.1	2457	19	69t	22	6.3	6.98
Jones, Balt.	270	143	53.0	1610	8	57	12	4.4	5.96
Fouts, S.D.	237	115	48.5	1732	8	75t	13	5.5	7.31
Gilliam, Pitt.	212	96	45.3	1274	4	61t	8	3.8	6.01
Bradshaw, Pitt.	148	67	45.3	785	7	56	8	5.4	5.30
Phillips, Clev.	256	117	45.7	1384	9	55	17	6.6	5.41
Livingston, K.C.	141	66	46.8	732	4	48	10	7.1	5.19
Domres, Balt.	153	77	50.3	803	0	44	12	7.8	5.25
(Non-Qualifiers)									
Morrall, Mia.	27	17	63.0	301	2	46t	3	11.1	11.15
Marangi, Buff.	18	9	50.0	140	2	44t	3	16.7	7.78
Ramsey, Den.	74	41	55.4	580	5	43t	7	9.5	7.84
Dickey, Hou.	113	63	55.8	704	2	59	8	7.1	6.23
Sipe, Clev.	108	59	54.6	603	1	37	7	6.5	5.58
Freitas, S.D.	109	49	45.0	719	3	71t	8	7.3	6.60
Carlson, K.C.	15	7	46.7	116	0	34	1	6.7	7.73
Hufnagel, Den.	10	6	60.0	70	0	28	1	10.0	7.00
Hanratty, Pitt.	26	3	11.5	95	1	35	5	19.2	3.65
Clark, Cin.	22	9	40.9	98	0	19	3	13.6	4.45
Lawrence, Oak.	11	4	36.4	29	0	17	1	9.1	2.64

	Td.	Td.	P.	XP	FG	FGA	Tot.
	R.	P.					Pts.
Little, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Maddox, Cin.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Marshall, N.E.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
McCauley, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Montgomery, Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Moore, Hou.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Mullins, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Myers, Cin.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Namath, N.Y.J.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Orduna, Balt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Parks, Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Pearson, K.C.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Phipps, Clev.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Queen, Hou.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Sanders, N.E.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Schubert, N.E.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Shanklin, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Siani, Oak.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Speyrer, Balt.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Stallworth, Pitt.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Stabler, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Stewart, S.D.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Stowe, Den.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Tanner, N.E.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Thomas, Pitt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Thompson, Den.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Thoms, Oak.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Upshaw, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Windsor, N.E.	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Young, K.C.	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Gantt, N.Y.J.	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Safeties: Kadish, Buff.; Carpenter, Cin.; Lanier, K.C.; Foley, Mia.; Sistrunk, Oak.; Greenwood, Pitt.

RUSHING

(16 or more yards less if TD)

RECORDS

Most—332, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1973)
 Most Yds.—2003, O.J. Simpson, Buffalo (1973)
 Most TD's—13, Cookie Gilchrist, Buffalo (1962)
 13, Abner Haynes, Dallas (1962)

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Armstrong, Den.	263	1407	5.3	43	9
Woods, S.D.	227	1162	5.1	56t	7
Simpson, Buff.	270	1125	4.2	41t	3
Harris, Pitt.	208	1006	4.8	54	5
Hubbard, Oak.	188	865	4.6	32	4
Herron, N.E.	231	824	3.6	28	7
Cunningham, N.E.	166	811	4.9	75t	9
Mitchell, Balt.	214	757	3.5	31t	6
Csonka, Mia.	197	749	3.8	24	5
Riggins, N.Y.J.	169	680	4.0	34	5
Boozier, N.Y.J.	153	563	3.7	20	4
Davis, Oak.	129	554	4.3	41	2
Braxton, Buff.	146	543	3.7	21t	4
Pruitt, Clev.	126	540	4.3	54	3
McKinnis, Clev.	124	519	4.2	44t	2
Green, K.C.	135	509	3.8	43	3
Malone, Mia.	117	479	4.1	23t	3
Olds, Balt.	129	475	3.7	34	1
Brown, Clev.	125	458	3.7	27	4
Rodgers, Hou.	122	413	3.4	20t	2
Podolak, K.C.	101	386	3.8	14	5
Davis, Cin.	72	375	5.2	29	0
Keyworth, Den.	81	374	4.6	30	10
Bleier, Pitt.	88	373	4.2	18	2
Elliott, Cin.	68	345	5.1	26	1
Matthews, S.D.	95	328	3.5	16	4
Pearson, Pitt.	70	317	4.5	53	4
Anderson, Cin.	43	314	7.3	20	2
Clark, Cin.	99	312	3.2	22	5
Little, Den.	117	312	2.7	22	1
Washington, Hou.	74	281	3.8	23	2
Jones, Balt.	39	279	7.2	39	4
Phipps, Clev.	39	279	7.2	19	1
Klick, Mia.	86	274	3.2	15	1
Nottingham, Mia.	66	273	4.1	24	8
Banaszak, Oak.	80	272	3.4	20t	5
Hart, Oak.	51	268	5.3	25t	2
Edwards, S.D.	65	261	4.0	30	0
Dressler, Cin.	72	255	3.5	17	2
Kinney, K.C.	63	249	4.0	21	0
Davis, Pitt.	71	246	3.5	22	2
Willis, Hou.	74	239	3.2	18	3
Williams, Cin.	58	238	4.1	18	3
Bradshaw, Pitt.	34	224	6.6	34	2
Morris, Mia.	56	214	3.8	17t	1
Hayes, K.C.	57	206	3.6	19	2
Bonner, S.D.	66	199	3.0	12	3
Smith, Oak.	64	194	3.0	22	1
Coleman, Hou.	52	193	3.7	37	1
Miller, K.C.	40	186	4.7	47	0
Watkins, Buff.	41	170	4.1	13	2
Plunkett, N.E.	30	161	5.4	37	0
Burns, N.Y.J.	40	158	4.0	12	0
Fuqua, Pitt.	50	156	3.1	14	2
Domres, Balt.	22	145	6.6	21	2
van Eeghen, Oak.	28	139	5.0	17	0
Amundson, Hou.	59	138	2.3	11	4
Ellison, K.C.	37	114	3.1	11	2
Ferguson, Buff.	54	111	2.1	15	2
Tarver, N.E.	41	101	2.5	18	2
Ashton, N.E.	26	99	3.8	22	0
Ginn, Mia.	26	99	3.8	41t	2
Adams, N.Y.J.	28	93	3.3	21	2
McCauley, Balt.	30	90	3.0	15	0
Calhoun, Buff.	21	88	4.2	15	0
Scott, Clev.	23	86	3.7	20	0
Johnson, Hou.	5	82	16.4	47t	1
Jackson, N.Y.J.	20	74	3.7	16	1
Griese, Mia.	16	66	4.1	22	1
Stingley, N.E.	5	63	12.6	23t	1
Fouts, S.D.	19	63	3.3	16	1
Curtis, Cin.	8	62	7.8	20	0
Wilson, N.E.	15	57	3.8	12	0

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Bjorklund, N.Y.J.	23	57	2.5	12	0
Thomas, S.D.	21	56	2.7	12	0
Doughty, Balt.	7	51	7.3	17	0
Sipe, Clev.	16	44	2.8	17	4
Johnson, Cin.	19	44	2.3	11	0
Gilliam, Pitt.	14	41	2.9	13	1
Lawrence, Oak.	4	39	9.8	19	0
Hayman, Buff.	7	31	4.4	8	0
Harrison, Pitt.	6	30	5.0	15	1
Livingston, K.C.	9	28	3.1	9	0
Dawson, K.C.	11	28	2.5	10	0
Wright, K.C.	3	26	8.7	12t	1
Gordon, S.D.	1	25	25.0	25	0
Lewis, Pitt.	2	25	12.5	22	0
Odums, Den.	4	25	6.3	31	0
Hufnagel, Den.	2	22	11.0	18	0
Vataha, N.E.	3	21	7.0	24	0
Joiner, Cin.	4	20	5.0	8	0
Marangi, Buff.	4	20	5.0	16	0
Briscoe, Mia.	1	17	17.0	17	0
Carlson, K.C.	2	17	8.5	11	0
Moses, Den.	2	16	8.0	11	0
Moore, Mia.	3	16	5.3	15	0
Freitas, S.D.	6	16	2.7	9	0
Clark, Cin.	1	8	8.0	8t	1
Orduna, Balt.	2	3	1.5	2t	1
Namath, N.Y.J.	8	1	0.1	3t	1
Stabler, Oak.	12	-2	-0.2	6	1

PASS RECEIVING

(8 or more—less if TD)

RECORDS

Most caught—101, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1964)
 Most yds.—1746, Ch. Hennigan, Houston (1961)
 Most Pass TD's—17, Bill Groman, Houston (1961)

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Mitchell, Balt.	72	544	7.6	24	2
Branch, Oak.	60	1092	18.2	67t	13
Podolak, K.C.	43	306	7.1	26	1
Odums, Den.	42	639	15.2	41	6
Biletnikoff, Oak.	42	593	14.1	46	7
Garrison, S.D.	41	785	19.1	71t	5
Barkum, N.Y.J.	41	524	12.8	39	3
Knight, N.Y.J.	40	579	14.5	42t	4
Caster, N.Y.J.	38	745	19.6	89t	7
Herron, N.E.	38	474	12.5	48	5
Armstrong, Den.	38	405	10.7	48t	3
Moore, Mia.	37	605	16.4	48	2
Chester, Balt.	37	461	12.5	45	1
Burrough, Hou.	36	492	13.7	51	2
Rashad, Buff.	36	433	12.0	29	4
Moses, Den.	34	559	16.4	42	2
Mandich, Mia.	33	374	11.3	44	6
Hill, Buff.	32	572	17.9	55t	6

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Myers, Cin.	32	383	12.0	22	1
McKinnis, Clev.	32	258	8.1	55	0
Curtis, Cin.	30	633	21.1	77t	10
Holden, Clev.	30	452	15.1	53	3
Lewis, Pitt.	30	365	12.2	31t	4
Moore, Oak.	30	356	11.9	32	2
Johnson, Hou.	29	388	13.4	48	2
Little, Den.	29	344	11.3	72	0
Dressler, Cin.	29	196	6.8	23	0
Brown, Clev.	29	194	6.7	19	2
Warfield, Mia.	27	536	19.9	54	2
Rucker, N.E.	27	436	16.1	69t	4
Pearson, K.C.	27	387	14.3	48	3
Morin, Clev.	27	330	12.2	32	3
Woods, S.D.	26	347	13.4	75t	3
Green, K.C.	26	247	9.5	69t	1
Vataha, N.E.	25	561	22.4	59t	3
Willis, Hou.	25	130	5.2	21	1
Joiner, Cin.	24	390	16.3	65t	2
Taylor, K.C.	24	375	15.6	64	2
Doughty, Balt.	24	300	12.5	27	2
Twilley, Mia.	24	256	10.7	21	2
Rodgers, Hou.	24	153	6.4	24	0
Harris, Pitt.	23	200	8.7	31t	1
Clark, Cin.	23	194	8.4	23	2
Brunson, K.C.	22	374	17.0	84t	2
Cunningham, N.E.	22	214	9.7	37	2
Carr, Balt.	21	405	19.3	57	0
Trumpy, Cin.	21	330	15.7	41	2
Pruitt, Clev.	21	274	13.0	43	1
Olds, Balt.	21	153	7.3	18	2
Parks, Hou.	20	330	16.5	59	1
Shanklin, Pitt.	19	324	17.1	35	1
Stewart, S.D.	19	283	14.9	29	1
Riggins, N.Y.J.	19	180	9.5	32	2
Davis, Cin.	19	171	9.0	32	0
Davis, S.D.	18	432	24.0	70t	2
Scott, Balt.	18	317	17.6	45	0
Elliott, Cin.	18	187	10.4	28t	1
Braxton, Buff.	18	171	9.5	15	0
Klick, Mia.	18	155	8.6	19	1
Amundson, Hou.	18	152	8.4	29	1
Kinney, K.C.	18	105	5.8	16	1
Alston, Hou.	17	249	14.6	33	3
Adams, N.E.	17	244	14.4	29	0
Brown, Pitt.	17	190	11.2	35	1
McCauley, Balt.	17	112	6.6	14	1
Van Heusen, Den.	16	421	26.3	73t	4
Stallworth, Pitt.	16	269	16.8	56	1
Seymour, Buff.	15	246	16.4	40t	2
Simpson, Buff.	15	189	12.6	29t	1
Boozier, N.Y.J.	14	161	11.5	29	1
Miller, K.C.	14	149	10.6	34	0
Wright, K.C.	13	209	16.1	51	1
Grossman, Pitt.	13	164	12.6	32	1
Bell, N.Y.J.	13	126	9.7	22	1



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Edwards, S.D.	13	102	7.8	16
Williams, Cin.	13	98	7.5	19
Washington, Hou.	13	92	7.1	15
Stroud, K.C.	12	141	11.8	25
Windsor, N.E.	12	127	10.6	20
Keyworth, Den.	12	109	9.1	18
Matthews, S.D.	12	90	7.5	23
Swann, Pitt.	11	208	18.9	54
Davis, Pitt.	11	152	13.8	61
Davis, Oak.	11	145	13.2	45
Briscoe, Mia.	11	132	12.0	20
Pearson, Pitt.	11	118	10.7	31
Bonner, S.D.	11	101	9.2	22
Hubbard, Oak.	11	95	8.6	15
Burns, N.Y.J.	11	83	7.5	18
Simmons, Den.	10	161	16.1	36
Stingley, N.E.	10	139	13.9	20
Richardson, Clev.	9	266	29.6	60
Montgomery, Hou.	9	179	19.9	65
Speyer, Balt.	9	110	12.2	27
LeVias, S.D.	9	105	11.7	18
Adamle, N.Y.J.	9	84	9.3	16
Banaszak, Oak.	9	64	7.1	12
Tarver, N.E.	9	37	4.1	12
Johnson, N.E.	8	147	18.4	34
Smith, Oak.	8	100	12.5	30
Johnson, Cin.	8	85	10.6	27
Chandler, Buff.	7	88	12.6	21
Baker, Mia.	4	121	30.3	46
Hooker, Clev.	4	48	12.0	17
Casper, Oak.	4	26	6.5	17
Siani, Oak.	3	30	10.0	13
Jackson, N.Y.J.	2	44	22.0	24
Morris, Mia.	2	27	13.5	23
Tanner, N.E.	2	23	11.5	21
Stowe, Den.	2	9	4.5	5
Schubert, N.E.	1	21	21.0	21
Marshall, N.E.	1	17	17.0	17
Mullins, Pitt.	1	7	7.0	7
Queen, Hou.	1	4	4.0	4
Fleming, Mia.	1	3	3.0	3

INTERCEPTIONS

(2 or more—less if touchdown)

RECORDS

Most—12, Fred Glick, Houston (1963)
12, Dainard Paulson, Jets (1964)
12, Emmitt Thomas, Kansas City (1974)
Most TD's—4, Ken Houston, Houston (1971)
4, Jim Kearney, Kansas City (1972)

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Thomas, K.C.	12	214	17.8	73
Greene, Buff.	9	157	17.4	38
Darden, Clev.	8	105	13.1	31
Scott, Mia.	8	75	9.4	30
Boiton, N.E.	7	18	2.6	10
Atkins, Hou.	6	85	14.2	36
Thomas, Oak.	6	70	11.7	34
Edwards, Pitt.	5	153	30.6	59
Thompson, Den.	5	105	21.0	38
Sanders, N.E.	5	57	11.4	23
Riley, Cin.	5	33	6.6	19
Thomas, Pitt.	5	22	4.4	14
Jones, Den.	5	13	3.8	11
Ham, Pitt.	5	13	2.6	10
Sensibaugh, K.C.	4	85	21.3	40
Tatum, Oak.	4	84	21.0	40
Fletcher, S.D.	4	74	18.5	31
Rowser, Den.	4	56	14.0	33
Scott, Clev.	4	42	10.5	25
Atkinson, Oak.	4	39	9.8	26
Bingham, Hou.	4	3	0.0	0
Reardon, K.C.	4	0	0.0	0
Owens, N.Y.J.	3	68	22.7	39
Hunt, N.E.	3	66	22.0	27
McCrory, N.E.	3	61	20.3	33
Hall, Clev.	3	54	18.0	29
Howard, S.D.	3	52	17.3	23
Mildren, N.E.	3	51	17.0	41
Ebersole, N.Y.J.	3	48	16.0	41
Rice, S.D.	3	44	14.7	15
Wilson, Oak.	3	35	11.7	34
Curtis, Balt.	3	24	8.0	11
Connors, Oak.	3	19	6.3	18
James, Buff.	3	13	4.3	8
Baker, N.Y.J.	2	87	43.5	67
Blount, Pitt.	2	74	37.0	52
Washington, Buff.	2	72	36.0	72
Warren, Oak.	2	58	29.0	34
Alexander, Hou.	2	56	28.0	29
Green, Clev.	2	56	28.0	36
May, Den.	2	40	20.0	25
Moore, Hou.	2	38	19.0	22
Garlington, Clev.	2	33	16.5	28
Tannen, N.Y.J.	2	33	16.5	19
Geddes, N.E.	2	32	16.0	29
Maxwell, Hou.	2	30	15.0	15
Buoniconiti, Mia.	2	29	14.5	16
Lanier, K.C.	2	28	14.0	14
Casanova, Cin.	2	26	13.0	26
Brown, Clev.	2	24	12.0	24
Howell, N.Y.J.	2	23	11.5	16
Irons, Oak.	2	23	11.5	12
Lambert, Pitt.	2	19	9.5	13
Word, N.Y.J.	2	19	9.5	19
Wagner, Pitt.	2	13	6.5	9
Benson, Hou.	2	0	0.0	0
Sowells, N.Y.J.	2	0	0.0	0
Volk, Balt.	2	0	0.0	0
Foley, Mia.	2	0	0.0	0
Craig, Buff.	1	55	55.0	55
Upshaw, K.C.	1	52	52.0	52
Young, K.C.	1	52	52.0	52
Bell, K.C.	1	28	28.0	28

PUNTING

RECORDS

Most—105, Bob Scarpitto (1967)
Best Avg.—46.2, Dave Lewis, Cin. (1970)
Longest—98 yds., Steve O'Neal, N.Y. Jets (1969)

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Bk.
Guy, Oak.	74	3124	42.2	66
Wilson, K.C.	83	3462	41.7	64
Green, Cin.	66	2701	40.9	53
Cockroft, Clev.	90	3643	40.5	64
Bateman, Dall-Buff.	67	2712	40.5	66
Van Heusen, Den.	75	3024	40.3	61
Partee, S.D.	76	3042	40.0	65
Beverly, Hou.	79	3100	39.2	69
Walden, Pitt.	78	3040	39.0	65
Selpie, Mia.	65	2511	38.6	60
Jones, Buff.	35	1305	37.3	56
Lee, Balt.	71	2634	37.1	58
Chapple, L.A.-N.E.	55	1995	36.3	57
Gant, N.Y.J.	75	2689	35.9	59
Barnes, N.E.	45	1605	35.6	50

PUNT RETURNS

(4 or more)

RECORDS

Most—46, Rodger Bird, Oakland (1967)
Most Yds.—612, Rodger Bird, Oakland (1967)

No.	F.C.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Parrish, Cin.	18	1	338	18.8	90
Herron, N.E.	35	4	517	14.8	66
Swann, Pitt.	41	3	577	14.1	69
Johnson, Hou.	30	3	409	13.6	49
Thompson, Den.	26	1	350	13.5	60
Pruitt, Clev.	27	0	349	12.9	72
Smith, Oak.	41	2	486	11.9	55
Scott, Mia.	31	3	346	11.2	30
Casanova, Cin.	24	2	265	11.0	74
Podolak, K.C.	15	2	134	8.9	54
Walker, Buff.	43	2	384	8.9	52
Colbert, S.D.	15	1	128	8.5	28
Darden, Clev.	21	0	173	8.2	45
Edwards, Pitt.	16	0	128	8.0	19
Word, N.Y.J.	38	2	301	7.9	34
Berra, Balt.	16	2	114	7.1	14
Brunson, K.C.	19	2	111	5.8	29
(Non-Qualifiers)					
Greer, Den.	13	5	90	6.9	22
Severson, Hou.	11	2	86	7.8	24
Laird, Balt.	11	0	30	2.7	10
Conn, Pitt.	10	0	69	6.9	18
Cahill, Buff.	10	1	62	6.2	15
Blackwood, Cin.	10	3	29	2.9	11
Moore, Mia.	9	0	136	15.1	42
Piccone, N.Y.J.	9	0	75	8.3	13
Speyer, Balt.	8	2	54	6.8	18
Gordon, S.D.	8	3	39	4.9	12
Jackson, N.Y.J.	6	0	48	8.2	38
LeVias, S.D.	5	0	41	8.2	22
Green, K.C.	5	0	21	4.2	8
Hoey, S.D.	4	0	38	9.5	15
Davis, S.D.	4	0	34	8.5	16
Little, Den.	4	1	34	8.5	17
Atkinson, Oak.	4	1	31	7.8	13
Reardon, K.C.	4	0	30	7.5	19

KICKOFF RETURNS

(6 or more)

RECORDS

Most—47, Odell Barry, Denver (1964)
Most Yds.—1317, Bobby Jancik, Houston (1963)
Most TD's—2, Leon Burton, N.Y. Jets (1960)
2, Wallace Francis, Buffalo (1973)
Longest—106 yds. (TD), N. Smith, K.C. (1967)

No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	Tds.
Pruitt, Clev.	22	606	27.5	88
Johnson, Hou.	29	785	27.1	67
Moore, Mia.	22	587	26.7	40
Laird, Balt.	19	499	26.3	55
Hart, Oak.	18	466	25.9	67
Francis, Buff.	37	947	25.6	74
Gordon, S.D.	14	354	25.3	39
Piccone, N.Y.J.	39	961	24.6	46
Speyer, Balt.	22	539	24.5	44
Armstrong, Den.	16	386	24.1	41
Jackson, Cin.	29	682	23.5	45
Thomas, K.C.	25	571	22.8	33
Herron, N.E.	28	629	22.5	62
Miller, K.C.	14	310	22.1	29
Smith, Oak.	19	420	22.1	41
Lefear, Clev.	26	574	22.1	41
Johnson, N.E.	15	303	20.2	41
(Non-Qualifiers)				
Thompson, Den.	13	325	25.0	37
Berra, Balt.	13	259	19.9	54
Brunson, K.C.	12	280	23.3	57
Davis, Pitt.	12	269	22.4	34
Pearson, Pitt.	12	258	21.5	29
Davis, Cin.	12	243	20.3	28
Thompson, S.D.	12	242	20.2	35
Ginn, Mia.	12	235	19.6	30
Colbert, S.D.	10	215	21.5	26
Gresham, Hou.	9	180	20.0	40
Little, Den.	8	171	21.4	31
Banaszak, Oak.	8	137	17.1	30
Washington, Hou.	7	177	25.3	40
Ross, Den.	7	117	16.7	31
Malone, Mia.	6	159	26.5	73
Brown, Clev.	6	138	23.0	36
LeVias, S.D.	6	116	19.3	27
Severson, Hou.	6	108	18.0	28
Calhoun, Buff.	6	90	15.0	25

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Spencer, Mem.	15	15	0	0	4	109
Kellar, Chi.	15	9	6	0	3	108
Reamon, Fla.	14	11	3	0	3	101
Land, Phil.	12	8	4	0	10	94
Jennings, Mem.	13	11	2	0	3	94
Highsmith, Char.	13	13	0	0	1	92
Williams, So.Cal.	11	0	11	0	12	89
Jenkins, Birm.	12	0	12	0	5	89

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	Atts.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	TDs
Reamon, Fla.	386	1576	4.0	55	11
Jennings, Mem.	322	1524	4.7	21	11
Nance, Shreve.	300	1240	4.1	27	8
Land, Fla.	243	1136	4.6	46	8
Ferguson, Port.	260	1086	4.1	74	6
Johnson, So.Cal.	249	1008	4.0	33	6
Harvey, Mem.	192	945	4.9	42	6
Watts, Phil.	199	927	4.6	48	9
Pinder, Chicago	179	925	5.1	59	8
Spencer, Mem.	178	788	4.4	30	15

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	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	TDs
Delaney, Hawaii	89	1232	13.8	42	8
Eber, Shreve.	66	771	11.6	63	5
McAlister, So.Cal.	65	772	11.8	70	4
Homan, Birm.	61	930	15.2	73	8
Jenkins, Birm.	60	1326	22.1	95	12
Marshall, Mem.	60	1159	19.3	56	19
Williams, So.Cal.	59	979	16.5	57	11
Land, Phil.	57	634	11.1	74	4
Dolbin, Chi.	54	942	17.4	72	7
Scott, Chi.	52	755	14.5	69	8

INTERCEPTIONS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	TDs
Thomas, Mem.	10	161	16.1	60	1
Miller, Mem.	9	159	17.6	44	0
Mabra, Phil.	9	33	3.6	12	0
Woodcock, Char.	8	137	17.1	38	0
Gibbs, Shreve.	8	126	15.7	30	0
Shears, Char.	7	124	17.7	44	0
Howard, Chi.	7	42	6.0	13	0
Hayes, Fla.	6	105	17.5	36	0
Farr, Fla.	6	86	14.3	39	0
Womack, Chi.	6	81	13.5	52	0

PUNTING

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.
Clark, Port.	123	5146	41.8	72
Carrell, Jack	93	3819	41.0	71
White, D. Mem.	80	3271	40.8	64
Ramsey, Chi.	71	2831	39.8	61
Sark, Birm.	101	3965	39.2	62
Reynolds, Char.	110	4195	38.1	54
Odum, Shreve.	114	4313	37.8	58
Hobbs, Fla.	56	2053	36.6	65
Hainlen, So.Cal.	79	2850	36.0	56
Baccus, Hawaii	63	2232	35.4	60

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	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	TD
Smith, Birm.	26	331	12.7	81	2
Mabra, Phil.	37	468	12.6	86	1
Foster, Fla.	25	280	11.2	86	1
Denson, So.Cal.	35	378	10.8	63	0
Long, Det.	20	217	10.8	56	0
Moseley, Hawaii	39	421	10.7	66	1
Jenkins, Birm.	30	262	8.7	42	0
Walik, Fla.-Shreve.	24	176	7.3	22	0
Wyatt, Jack.	33	197	5.9	87	1
Harris, Fla.	28	158	5.6	14	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lng.	TD
Beamer, Mem.	20	573	28.6	82	1
Thomas, Char.	24	671	27.9	71	0
James, Fla.	20	539	26.9	82	0
Reamon, Birm.-Chi.	30	802	26.7	68	0
Denson, So.Cal.	22	582	26.4	44	0
Joe, Phil.	20	529	26.4	67	0
Sadler, Det.	30	751	25.0	62	0
Edwards, Birm.	20	492	24.6	80	0
Rhone, Chi.	28	645	23.0	90	1
Ferguson, Port.	27	612	22.6	66	0

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	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TDs	Long	Tack./Yds.
Adams, So. Cal.	510	276	18	.541	3905	23	70	40/381
Corcoran, Phil.	545	280	24	.513	3631	31	90	20/149
Davis, Fla.	412	231	23	.561	2958	21	62	27/222
Carter, Chi.	358	195	14	.545	2629	27	72	26/225
Huarte, Mem.	296	154	16	.520	2416	24	57	30/297
Wyche, Det.-Chi.	377	132	21	.509	2342	11	68	44/411
Sherman, Char.	363	172	16	.474	2311	15	63	27/221
Mira, Birm.	313	155	14	.495	2248	17	95	21/203
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Baltimore at Chicago	1:00
Cleveland at Cincinnati	1:00
Detroit at Green Bay	1:00
Houston at New England	1:00
Kansas City at Denver	2:00
Los Angeles at Dallas	3:00
New Orleans at Washington	1:00
New York Giants at Philadelphia	1:00
New York Jets at Buffalo	1:00
Pittsburgh at San Diego	1:00
San Francisco at Minnesota	1:00
22—Oakland at Miami	ABC-TV 9:00
28—Buffalo at Pittsburgh	4:00
Cincinnati at New Orleans	1:00
Detroit at Atlanta	1:00
Los Angeles at San Francisco	1:00
Miami at New England	1:00
Minnesota at Cleveland	1:00
New York Giants at Washington	1:00
New York Jets at Kansas City	1:00
Oakland at Baltimore	2:00
Philadelphia at Chicago	1:00
St. Louis at Dallas	1:00
San Diego at Houston	1:00
29—Green Bay at Denver	ABC-TV 7:00
OCT.	
5—Baltimore at Los Angeles	1:00
Chicago at Minnesota	1:00
Cincinnati at Houston	1:00
Denver at Buffalo	1:00
Miami at Green Bay	1:00
New Orleans at Atlanta	1:00
New England at New York Jets	1:00
New York Giants at St. Louis	1:00
Oakland at San Diego	1:00
Pittsburgh at Cleveland	1:00
San Francisco at Kansas City	1:00
Washington at Philadelphia	4:00
6—Dallas at Detroit	ABC-TV 9:00
12—Atlanta at San Francisco	1:00
Buffalo at Baltimore	2:00
Chicago at Detroit	1:00
Dallas at New York Giants	1:00
Denver at Pittsburgh	1:00
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Green Bay at Dallas	1:00
Kansas City at San Diego	1:00
Miami at New York Jets	1:00
New Orleans at San Francisco	1:00
Oakland at Cincinnati	4:00
Philadelphia at St. Louis	1:00
Washington at Houston	1:00
20—New York Giants at Buffalo	ABC-TV 9:00
25—St. Louis at New York Jets	1:00
26—Baltimore at New York Jets	1:00
Cincinnati at Atlanta	1:00
Dallas at Philadelphia	1:00
Denver at Kansas City	1:00
Detroit at Houston	1:00
Miami at Buffalo	4:00
New Orleans at Los Angeles	1:00
Pittsburgh at Green Bay	1:00
San Diego at Oakland	1:00
San Francisco at New England	1:00
Washington at Cleveland	1:00
27—Minnesota at Chicago	ABC-TV 8:00
NOV.	
1—San Diego at New York Jets	1:00
2—Atlanta at New Orleans	1:00
Buffalo at New York Jets	1:00
Cleveland at Baltimore	2:00
Dallas at Washington	4:00
Detroit at San Francisco	1:00
Houston at Kansas City	1:00
Miami at Chicago	1:00
Minnesota at Green Bay	1:00
New England at St. Louis	1:00
Oakland at Denver	2:00
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	1:00
3—Los Angeles at Philadelphia	ABC-TV 9:00
9—Atlanta at Minnesota	1:00
Baltimore at Buffalo	1:00
Cincinnati at Denver	2:00
Cleveland at Detroit	1:00
Green Bay at Chicago	1:00
Houston at Pittsburgh	1:00
New England at San Diego	1:00
New Orleans at Oakland	1:00
New York Jets at Miami	4:00
St. Louis at Philadelphia	1:00
San Francisco at Los Angeles	1:00
Washington at New York Jets	1:00
10—Kansas City at Dallas	ABC-TV 8:00

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16—Chicago at San Francisco	1:00
Cleveland at Oakland	1:00
Dallas at New England	1:00
Denver at San Diego	1:00
Green Bay at Detroit	1:00
Kansas City at Pittsburgh	1:00
Los Angeles at Atlanta	1:00
Miami at Houston	1:00
Minnesota at New Orleans	1:00
New York Jets at Baltimore	2:00
Philadelphia at New York Giants	1:00
Washington at St. Louis	3:00
17—Buffalo at Cincinnati	ABC-TV 9:00
23—Baltimore at Miami	1:00
Chicago at Los Angeles	1:00
Cincinnati at Cleveland	1:00
Denver at Atlanta	1:00
Detroit at Kansas City	1:00
New England at Buffalo	1:00
New York Giants at Green Bay	4:00
Oakland at Washington	1:00
Philadelphia at Dallas	1:00
St. Louis at New York Jets	1:00
San Diego at Minnesota	1:00
San Francisco at New Orleans	1:00
24—Pittsburgh at Houston	ABC-TV 8:00
27—(Thanksgiving Day)	
Los Angeles at Detroit	CBS-TV 12:30
Buffalo at St. Louis	NBC-TV 2:30
30—Atlanta at Oakland	1:00
Chicago at Green Bay	1:00
Houston at Cincinnati	1:00
Kansas City at Baltimore	2:00
Minnesota at Washington	4:00
New Orleans at Cleveland	1:00
New York Giants at Dallas	1:00
Pittsburgh at New York Jets	1:00
San Diego at Denver	2:00
San Francisco at Philadelphia	1:00

DEC.	
1—New England at Miami	ABC-TV 9:00
7—Baltimore at New York Giants	1:00
Buffalo at Miami	4:00
Cincinnati at Philadelphia	1:00
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	1:00
Dallas at St. Louis	1:00
Detroit at Chicago	1:00
Green Bay at Minnesota	1:00
Houston at San Francisco	1:00
Los Angeles at New Orleans	1:00
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San Diego at Kansas City	1:00
Washington at Atlanta	1:00
8—Denver at Oakland	ABC-TV 6:00
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DEC.	
27—AFC & NFC Divisional Playoffs	Network
28—AFC & Divisional Playoffs	NBC-CBS
JAN.	
4—AFC Championship Game	NBC
NFC Championship Game	CBS
26—AFC-NFC Pro Bowl Game at New Orleans (N)	ABC

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SEPT.	
21—Los Angeles at Dallas	(CBS)
28—Buffalo at Pittsburgh	(NBC)
OCT.	
5—Washington at Philadelphia	(CBS)
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